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Speak of the devil

Tory high command resolute in campaign to demonise Blair

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

The Tory high command defiantly maintained its campaign to demonise Tony Blair yesterday, with Defence Secretary Michael Portillo suggesting that the Labour leader was unfit to govern because he planned to "tamper; with the monarchy.

Using the most tenuous possible evidence for his claim a Fabian pamphlet written and published by a couple of alleged Blairites - Mr Portillo said: This pamphlet confirms New Labour's desire to tamper with

the monarchy."
He said Mr Blair had already denounced the bereditary prin-

Mr Blair is an improbable Beelzebub leading article page 13

There is some high ground here which the Conservatives seem hell-bent on vacating Donald Macintyre page 15

eiple, albeit in relation to House of Lords reform, and added: "New Labour should be warned that they meddle with the monarchy at the nation's Trendy discussions annund Islington dinner tables are no substitute for centuries of constitutional fine-tuning."

The Conservative strategy of opening up a full-scale attack on Mr Blair was last night causing unrest among the more squeamish Tory backbenchers - and it was openly attacked by the Bishop of Oxford.

The Rt Rev Richard Harries said: "Vilitying members of other political parties is a



The eyes have it: Thries are defending their new poster

The eighth London tube strike

was called off last night, but the

threat of future action was not

ruled out as the unions involved

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puerile exercise and when that vilifying draws on satanic in: agery it is not only silly but ge

tentially dangerous.
"As the election draws near I hope all parties will resist the temptation to go in for persona. abuse and dirty tricks and concentrate on some of the important issues the country needs to consider at this time.

Tory sources dismissed the bishop's complaint, saying the poster showing Mr Blair with burning eyes was not intended 10 appeal to the "sneering, socalled intellectuals of Islington", but was a graphic way of making a point.

There is every indication that the Conservatives are adopting the American electoral approach - of going allout for the man - because Labour's lead is so solidly based on the public perception of Mr Blair's honesty and trust-

Peter Mandelson, one of Labour's campaign managers, wrote in last night's London Evening Standard: "Tony Blair is a practising Christian and, by any standard, a man of decency and integrity. Whatever you think of his political views, to portray him as the devil is a crass, chimsy move.

"Nobody thinks he is evil and dangerous and Tory MP Si Teddy Taylor this morning said he thought it was a mistake to go for the man in this way."

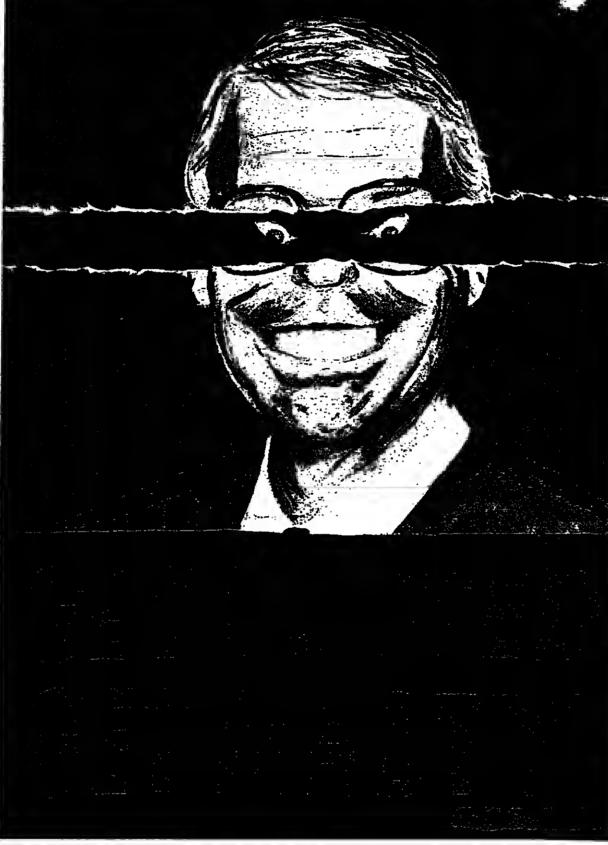
Mr Mandeslon said the Tories had descended to the current level of political campaigning because they had nothing positive to say about themselves; the mud of gutter politics might stick, as it had done in the United States; and because "they feel more threatened by the appeal of Blair's reborn party than they have felt about Labour for more than a

decade-and-a-half". As Labour had become less and less easy to attack, he added, the Tories had become more and more desperate in their approach.

Mr Portillo said earlier, how-ever, that the Tory strategy was working, and he defended the use of the controversial New Labour, New Danger

poster. "We have applied the symbol of the red eyes - which stand for danger - to Tony Blair in order 10 make the point that hehind the smiles and the soundhites there are policies

which are deeply dangerous to our country," he said. Certainly, the nature of Labour's response suggests



that the party is not taking any chances of letting the hard-hitting Tory campaign sink in with the electorate. Every word, every move is being care-

fully tracked and answered.

At a press conference on the "shameful greed" of the water industry bosses yesterday

morning, a paper was circulat-

ed about the views of another

candidate who had written for the Fabians, the party pro-duced the words of the Conservative candidate for St Albans, former Treasury ad-

viser, David Rutley. Mr Rutley wrote in the mainstream Tory publication Crossbow some years back that

lowly candidate on the monar- he believed the monarchy statement to yesterday's press chy. Instead of the Labour should be put on some form of conference. performance-related pay which

> livered. Driving home the party's response to the equally unimportant Fahian pamphlet, Labour fronthencher Frank Dobson delivered a prepared

"Tony Blair has consistently expressed his great admira-tion for the job that the Queen number of handshakes they dedoes on behalf of us all," he said. "There is no prospect whatever of a Labour government seeking to alter the political role or status of the

Queen in any way."

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Drop deal on octuplets, doctor urges

NICHOLAS TIMMINS and REBECCA FOWLER

The consultant responsible for attempting to deliver the eight embryos heing carried by Mandy Allwood appealed yes-terday to the News of the Borld newspaper to drop its exclusive deal with her.

He said there was an "almost zero chance" of Ms Allwood successfully giving hirth to the habies, conceived with the aid of fertility drugs, and he ap-pealed for her to be left in peace to decide her future away from the influence of the media.

Ms Allwood, 31, and her partner Paul Hudson, 37, from Solihull in the West Midlands, have reportedly sold their stony to the paper for £1m, or £125,000 per baby, amid suggestions there was a sliding scale according to the number of embryos which survived,

Professor Kypros Nicolaides. head of foctal medicine at King's College Hospital, London, said: "It is absolutely imperative that within the next two or three days the publicity settles to allow her, her partner and medical team to make the right decision." The safest option would be to reduce the embryos to two, he said.

The News of the World ha denied operating the worst kind of "cheque-book journalism" and said that the contract with Ms Allwood was not a "step-bystep" arrangement. In a statement it also said if she chose to withdraw, the newspaper would not for a moment stand in her way."

Stuart Kuttner, managing eduor of the newspaper, said: "The last thing the News of the Wirld would want would be for Mandy Allwood to take any risk to herself or to the children. We are not in that kind of business."

According to Max Clifford, the PR guru who is acting for Ms Allwood and Mr Hudson, the couple are giving priority to her health and that of the embryos, at a private address where they are in hiding accompanied by a News of the

World reporter. Mr Clifford said: "They received money for the exclusive story, which they will get what-ever happens. With regards to the future, it's got to be very flexible. She's hoping for eight healthy children.

He added: "She's also been told if she were to abort, and she doesn't believe in abortion, it might then kill the other children. But if it might also be a question of aborting two because that was the only chance of saving the other children. It's not a question of having eight children at all costs."

Leading fertility specialists vesterday resisted calls for greater regulation of routine infertility treatments of the type Mandy Allwood underwent.

The failure in Ms Allwood's case, they argued, was not one of regulation but of her apparent failure to take medical advice not to have sexual intercourse at a criticial stage in her treatment. Some specialists were sceptical of her claims that she underwent the treatment behind Mr Hudson's back and queried why she was being treated for infertility at all.

Mr Robert Forman, clinical director of the London Gynaccology and Fertility Centre said Ms Allwood's treatment been available for the past 30 years. It had produced the Walton sextuplets in 1983, and multiple pregnancies were a recognised risk, with about one in four successful treatments producing twins. Very high numbers of conceptions, however, were oow "exceedingly rarc" because patients took their doctors' advice about avoiding sexual intercourse if a large number of eggs were pro-

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Gun lobbyists sue Dunblane police over lost business

London Uoderground, Page 2 Billions of pounds were wiped

A gun lobby group yesterday announced plans to sue a Scottish police force for alleged oegli-gence over the Dunblane shootngs which they claim have cost

ter company bosses was con-demned by Labour spokesman Frank Dohson vesterday, after he had exposed details of a new £20m pay and perks package for the industry's directors. Page 5 Lonrho break-up The break-up of Lonrho, the controversial mining conglomerate, could be complete within three months, marking the completion of the dismember-

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Page 16 Tmy Rowland. Rioch dismissed Arsenal sacked their manager, Bruce Rioch, just before the start of the new season, spark-ing speculation that Johan

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their industry "millions" of pounds. The Shooters' Rights Asso-

ciation, which represents gunsmiths and distributors, say the Central Scotland force should not have granted Thomas Hamilton licences for the weapons he used to kill 15 infants and their teacher last March. They claim that as a direct result of this failure on the part of the police the gun industry suffered lost orders and

nusiness.

Director Guy Savage said:

"The Central Scotland police
are the real culprits and have
cost millions of pounds and affected thousands of jobs. We want to bring them to book over what they did; or rather what Cruyff is heing lined up to take Page 24 what they did; or rather what they did not do." Central Scot-

land police refused to com-ment on the association's claims. The announcement, which

caused anger among anti-gun campaigners, came on the eve of today's publication by the home affairs select committee of its report on firearms controls and is part of pressure being exerted by the gun lobby in the run up to next month's Cullen re-

A fighting fund, set up by groups representing Britain's one million gun enthusiasts, has so far raised lens of thousands of pounds, some of which has being used to hire a top London PR and lobby firm, John Keodall Associates.

The moves are seen by many observers as a calculated attempt by the gun lobby and industry - thought to be worth £600m a year and employing up to 50,000 people - to influence key decision-makers at a time of great public anger over the abuse of firearms.

Conservative polincians in

are expected to come out against a ban on handguns in to-day's report, a stance which has already provoked public anger. A senior Labour source on the committee told The Inde-

pendent: "The gun lobby didn't come anywhere near me. They clearly have focused their attentions oo the Conservatives and it appears to have worked." Michael Yardley, a former army officer and leading author on weapons, said: "There has

been lobbying, quite a lot as far as targeting the the Conserva-tive Party is concerned. "But I think it's bad politics to have targeted the Conservative Party more than the Labour Party. The danger is that this becomes purely a party political issue and n manifesto

issue for the Labour Party." Apart from the behind-thescenes lobbying at Westminster. gun groups have also adopted

particular are thought to have more obvious techniques. The been targeted. The six Tory British Association for Shoot-MPs on the select committee ing and Conservation, which has contributed £40,000 to the "fighting fund", is one of a number of such organisations to urge members to write to their MPs. A number of MPs report some fierce lobbying from local gun clubs.

The decision of the Tory committee members not to call for a ban on handguns is seen as clear political kite-flying to test public reaction. There is little doubt that if the Culien Report recommends

such a ban the Government be

hard-pressed to resist it in the

face of the current public mood. The Gun Control Network, which groups together relatives of the Dunhlane and Hungerford tragedies as well as academics and lawyers, insisted: "This is no time for a timid response ... It looks like a preemptive strike on behalf of the shooting lobby and, as such,

should be dismissed."

WEATHER 25

Today's threatened Tube strike was called off last night, but the possibility of future action has not been ruled out.

In a split between the two unions involved in the sevenweek dispute, the drivers' union Aslef bailed a 35-hour week deal from London Underground as a significant victory, but the RMT transport union said it was being bought at too

However, both unions agreed to suspend today's strike -

scheduled to be the eighth in a series of stoppages, and the fifth joint day of action - and put the offer to members.

The move means for one day at least, the chaos that has hrought misery to London's 1.6 million commuters will cease. Aslef general secretary, Lew Adams said be "anticipated a normal service".

London Underground welcomes the "path-finding deal." Managing director Dennis Tunnicliffe said: "This agreement is good for out customers, for London, for taxpayers and in-

fered by customers during seven strike days, this agreement provides a new and more stable industry relations climate."

from London Underground and was presented to unions on Friday when they were unexthe conciliation service Acas. It will secure the union's aim

of a 35-hour working week by 1998, with a 1.5 per cent pay offer this year dropping to 2 per from eight hours and 45 minutes to eight and a balf hours. Although the proposal sees

an effective pay cut, Mr Adams The offer was the fifth option said the dispute had never been om London Underground over salaries. "This wasn't over money, it was about easing the burden on the members we pectedly called to a meeting at represent." The union had repeatedly offered to modify any pay claim in return for better working conditions to ease the stress of working under ground.
"I think we've achieved a victory. This is perhaps one of the

deed for our train operators. following two years. It will also first of the public-sector trade the pay bargain would hit re-Despite the inconvenience suf-cut the maximum shift length unions to achieve a 35-hour tiring members particularly week," Mr Adams said. "Unfortunately, in many respects one would have thought we could bave come to this conclusion some two to three months ago."

However, Bob Crow, RMT's assistant general secretary, said his executive could not recommend the package, "There are some positive features, but the price of achieving the 35-bour week is high." Some conditions, such as working on rest

hard as pensions are based on final-year salary which could be 6 per cent less than it might be by the end of this deal. He added, however, that the union executive would abide by the decision of its 900 members involved in the dispute. The referendum will close on 21 August, two hours before the next planned strike

Acceptance of the deal would end a dispute that has cost London Underground an estimated £25m every strike day.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Victael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, was urged by a right-wing think-tank to intervene and save the Government's flagship Private Finance Initiative from sinking under its own weight. In a report, the Adam Smith Institute said red tape and bureaucracy were putting off private firms from investing private finance in public sector contracts for roads, hespitals and prison schemes.

The report, Seize the Initiative, accused public officials of

costing contractors millions of pounds as they dithered over details for buildings and services. The institute said Mr Heseltine should be called in to sort out the muddle. It proposed hringing in private sector managers to sharpen up the performance of officials, and limit PFI to a very few projects that were likely to be successful. Colin Brown

The possibility of life on Mars has prompted a very real boost in the number of visitors to the Natural History Museum, which is displaying one of only 12 known meteorites from the planet. Last Saturday, almost 8.000 people visited the museum in London, a rise of almost 25 per cent on the number at the same time last year.

Now, the museum is rushing to put together a new exhibition which will display a section from ALHS4001 - the meteorite thought by Nasa scientists to demonstrate that life once existed on the "red planet". It will go on show from Wednesday 21 August, with panels explaining its significance and reflecting the intense media coverage of the past week. Charles Arthur

After ten hours of complex legal argument, Guernsey's Bailliff, Sir Graham Dorey, has decided to reserve his judgement on whether or not the Crown can become a

defendant in an action brought by the Barclay twins. The multi-millionaire brothers, who have just moved into a £40m castle on Brecqhou, are seeking to remove their liny Channel Island from the jurisdiction of neighbouring Sark—and its feudal inheritance laws. Sir Graham's decision is expected later this week. Philip Jeune

eading crime writer Brian Masters has been asked to name his sources for police interview material in his book on the trial of mass murderer Rosemary West. But the author - whose book is critical of the police and prosecution case against the Gloucester housewife - is refusing to say where he obtained details of the interviews with her

husband and self-confessed murderer, Frederick West.
Gloucestershire's Deputy Chief Constable, Nigel Burgess, asked Mr Masters to reveal where be obtained "unused material" from police investigations. Such material is normally only revealed to legal representatives and is not in the public domain as part of the legal hearings connected with the case. Mr Masters told the police that only a "few passages" involved the taped police interviews. He would not say where he obtained the material, but only that no police officer was involved.

A jumbo jet made an emergency landing after a passenger alerted air crew to a crack in the wing, an official report revealed yesterday. The traveller noticed the split in a fibre-glass panel as the British Airways 747 reached 15,000ft after take-off. He reported the fault to crew on the 26-year-old jet bound for Boston from

After inspection, the flight engineer told the captain the rack looked "bad" - and the pilot decided to return to Heathrow, 90 minutes after taking off. The captain told investigators he was worried the panel could fall off and damage the plane or hit people on the ground. He was also concerned about "unnerving" the passengers, who still had five hours of their journey to complete. The unreralt made a low-level emergency call and landed safely at Heathrow after spending 20 minutes dumping fuel. A spokesman for British Airways described the fault as "minor" and said the aircraft had returned to Heathrow as a precaution.

Tory voters in Michael Portillo's London constituency are threatening to abandon their support for the Secretary of State for Defence at the next election if he fails to support them in a planning dispute with his local party. Enfield Southgate Conservative Association wants to sell the building that contains its headquarters to burger chain McDonald's for a rumoured £325,000.

But thousands of residents are backing a campaig against the take-away and are seeking their local MP's apport. Mr Portillo bas to tread carefully to avoid upsetting his local party association, which wants to get the best deal for party funds, and the 2,000 objectors who say the restaurant will bring noisy traffic to a residential area.

The film Independence Day broke box office records last weekend, in a repetition of its US success. The science-fiction thriller, which depicts the destruction by aliens of New York, Washington and Los Angeles, took nearly £7m in 434 cinemas when it opened in the UK.

The £6,996,000 ticket sales were 40 per cent higher than the previous record of £4,875,000, set by Jurassic Park.

Greetings from the South Coast - plenty to do here, especially paddling



A fireman uses an inflatable boat to ferry children in Folkestone after rain flooded several Kent coastal reserve. Six people were hurt when a shop collapsed in the town as a result of the deluge. The shop, in Blackbull Road, 'tumbled like a pack of cards', according to a spokesman for Kent Fire Brigade. Police described the situation as chaotic, while the fire brigade said they were receiving one emergency call every 25 seconds and had to set up a second line to deal with the calls

Photograph: Mike Petts/PA

Clarke targets defence to fund tax cuts

Chief Political Correspondent

Kenneth Clarke has set his sights on deep cuts in Michael Portillo's £21bn defence budget, as part of the spending squeeze to make way for tax cuts in the

The move bas caused alarm among senior Tory backpique by the Chancellor over his

jor defence orders costing over £3bn. Mr Clarke wanted a thorough review of the defence orders for a Nimrod replacement, a "tank-busting" missile, and a 'mini cruise" missile for the RAF. But he was overruled after the intervention of John Ma-

Mr Major ordered Michael Heseltine, the deputy Prime Minister, to settle the row between the Treasury and the MoD, and Mr Portillo was giv-

en the go-ahead to announce the orders for all three projects, securing thousands of jobs in the defence industries in the run-up to the general election.

But senior Treasury sources have told The Independent that Mr Clarke is determined to stage a fight-back in September, when ministers resume the hard bargaining over their budgets

The Chancellor, who will chair the Cabinet EDX com-

keen to reduce defence spendhave already warned Mr Clarke that defence has been cut to the bone in recent years, and there is no more fat left. They fear that further cuts will result in a reduction in Britain's desence

mittee on public expenditure, is

The MPs are planning to press their demands for spending to be protected in a full-scale defence debate in the week

summer recess. But Mr Clarke's ing in other areas. Tory MPs friends believe that Mr Portillo, as a Thatcherite, should be expected to follow his principles by reducing his own hudget. Mr Portillo is arguing that he

has gone ahead with the sale of married quarters bomes, in the teeth of fierce opposition from Tory MPs, to give the Treasury has an additional £1.6bn for tax

The MoD denied it was

taxpayers' money upgrading and refurbishing the bomes before they are sold. One report said an internal MoD memo bad stated "the brakes are off" spending. But a statement said any repairs were within the budget already allocated.

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The preferred bidder may be chosen this week with the final decision expected in early Sep-tember. Four rival groups are in

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Exam board denies easy grades at GCSE

Exam-board officials said yesterday that reports of candidates who scored 14 per cent being awarded C grades at GCSE were wrong - the true percent-age grade was much higher. Officials at the Southern Ex-

amining Group refused to give the percentage needed for a grade C, the equivalent of a pass in the old O-level exam, but said it was "nowhere near" the figure being quoted.

Mathematics papers are di-vided into three levels of difficulty, and the paper in question was the most difficult. It is understood that the true figure corresponds closely to last year's grade C passmark for the hardest level in several subjects: 38 per cent in double science and 42 per cent in biology.

The board says that the mark for grade C in the most de-

dates had found the paper so difficult. The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority insisted that the original exam was changed because it was not hard enough. The authority has asked for a report from one of its officials who was an assessor at the meeting at which the decision to lower the grade C mark was taken. Ministers have yet to decide whether to

marking of the paper. The dispute is bound to fuel the controversy about exam standards which will intensify on Thursday with the publication of this year's A-level results. The pass rate is expected to rise again. GCSE results are out next week.

request an inquiry into the

The examining group pointed out that changing the mark required to achieve different grades was common practice. The aim was to ensure that candidates were not penalised if a Monday, 19 August.

than in previous years. Marks for a grade might change but standards did not. In addition, the mark required to achieve each grade varied from subject to subject. In English, last year, a grade C in the most difficult

paper required 65 per cent.
George Turnbull, a spokesman for the group, said: "There
is no magic raw mark which says that you have a grade C or B. If the exam is easier this year than last year, more people would get 50 per cent."

A spokesman for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority said: "We shall be scrutinising this year's results ... and checking that the Southern Examining Group's results are comparable in standard to those of other boards."

The official UCAS listings of places available this year through clearing will appear exclusively in

Parade deadlock resolved

DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

curtailed ronte.

An overnight parade stand off in the Co. Londonderry village of Bellaghy ended peacefully yesterday morning, when loy-alist marchers and Catholic residents compromised on a

Following more than 15 hours of deadlock, 400 members of the Royal Black Preceptory. led by a single band, marched along the village's main street to the local Orange hall. Rows of police in full riot gear

reached a mainly Catholic section of the village.

Afterwards, both marchers and Catholic residents laid claim to a moral victory, while the RUC described the outcome as a victory for common-sense. RUC Deputy Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan personally supervised the police operation

The Royal Black Preceptory, known popularly as "the Black" and "the Blackmen," is closely related to the Orange Order, the main Protestant marching stood by, together with crowds of local nationalists, as the pa-

rade was halted before it and has been described as the conservative face of Orangeism. All sides are now taking stock

of a marching season which included the traumatic stand off at Drumcree, Co Armagh last month. A three-person committee has been appointed to carry out a review of the parades issue in time for next year's marching season.

Meanwhile, a sectarian motive is suspected in the murder of a Catholic youth who was buried yesterday. John Molloy, who was 18, was found dying in a north Belfast street early on Saturday morning. He had been

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JOJO MOYES and NIGEL COPE

Billions of pounds were wiped off tobacco shares yesterday af-ter the first successful lawsuit by a former smoker.

On Friday a Florida jury decided in favour of a retired airtraffic controller, Grady Carter, and his wife, Millie, and against Brown & Williamson, a US offshort of the BAT tobacco multinational. The jury awarded the couple £500,000 after Mr Carter, 66, who got lung cancer after smoking for 44 years, claimed the cigarette maker had been negligent in not warn-ing him of health dangers.

Yesterday at least £1.4 bn was wiped off the value of BAT Industries shares as the stock market absorbed the impact of the ruling against the tobacco and insurance conglomerate. By the close of business yesterday. its shares had plunged 9 per cent

in other tobacco manufacturers

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steeply. While BAT and some analysts expected the decision to he overturned, others said shares might fall further as the market assessed the prospect of a torrent of litigation.

"Nobody knows whether the flood-gates might open," said Simon Willis, an analyst at the stockbrokers Charterhouse Tilney. There are about 200 similar cases pending against to-

encourage other smokers to

file suits

Smoke signals: How tobacco prompted a thousand campaigns, for and against. At top right is Marlboro Man, Wayne McLaren, killed off by cancer at the tion's evil empires", engaged in 'the tobacco industry was crip-criminal violations of federal pled by multi-party actions, it racketeering, conspiracy, mail and wire fraud laws.

In Hong Kong, BAT is in-volved in a case involving the illegal export of \$HK8.5m (£708,000) in cigarettes to China and the attempted bribery of former BAT officials. The case gained widespread publicity when a man due to take the

known that smokers do so at their own risk'

ASH, the tobacco control

pressure group, is among those

are being financed by the topled by multi-party actions, it would simply refocus its enerhacco industries." gies, concentrating on the emerging markets and upping the emphasis on its "acceptable of the Asian Consultancy on Tobacco Control in Hong Kong, tobacco companies "could not face", with sponsorship and be doing any more" in terms of

advertising.
In Britain, for example, BAT five assistants at Archbishop

"sponsors" two schools, pro-viding teachers, a technician and

The citadel is crumbling a hit but they are saying very strongly that the latest case has nothing to do with Asia. They have identified a developing Juries have taken the view that hazards are so well market in Asia and are predicting a 33-per-cent increase there." In China there are 300m smokers, with a predicted rise hacco companies and it is stand as a prosecution witness Ramsey school in Southwark possible the Carter ruling will was murdered in Singapore. Ramsey school in Southwark and more than £2m in six years to 500 million by 2000. "The reason they're so interested is heof sponsorship for the Macmilcause we're on an economic roll lan City Technology College in

penetrating new markets.

... as opposed to places like In-dia and Africa." Dr Mackay said that there was less risk of litigation for the of cigarettes.

"cigarettes" rather than as "grams of tobacco" leads to another problem. The quantity of tobacco stuffed into a cigarette differs from country to country, and within each country it can often differ from year to year. While in 1982 the avcrage weight of 1,000 Australian cigarettes was 823 grams, by 1991, this had fallen to 715 grams.

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Cigarette consumption per head of the adult population (15-years-old and over) in 128 countries

ireland

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Sadly, Karen Williams, of ASH, the tobacco control pressure group, thinks not. "The current number of ill people represents the the men and women who consumed lots of tobacco in the past, say the Fifties and Sixties. So the results of a high percentage of people smoking in a particular country now will only be seen years in the future."

eign companies have less than 10 per cent of the business," she

And before campaigners begin breaking open the cham-pagne, it is wise to look at the and lawyers are considering past history of similar cases. Cigarene makers boast that the industry has never paid a penny in damages in similar cases

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A Light Smoke

According to Judith Mackay,

dating back 40 years.

It has lost only once, in 1988. That jury decision, in which \$400,000 was awarded to the family of Rose Cipollone of New Jersey, was overturned on

In Britain last month the

port for a multi-party action on behalf of 300 smokers. ASH has launched an appeal

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taking the cases on a conditional BAT plans to appeal against the Florida judgement and ex-pects to win. Philip Morris issued a hullish statement describing the verdict as "an aberration", while City ana-

lysts agree that the decision is unlikely to stand.
"I think the judge probably allowed evidence he shouldn't have," said Nyren Scott-Malden

Legal Aid Board withdrew sup- of the stockbrokers BZW. "In the last 40 years juries have taken the view that the hazards of smoking are so well known that smokers do so at their own risk."

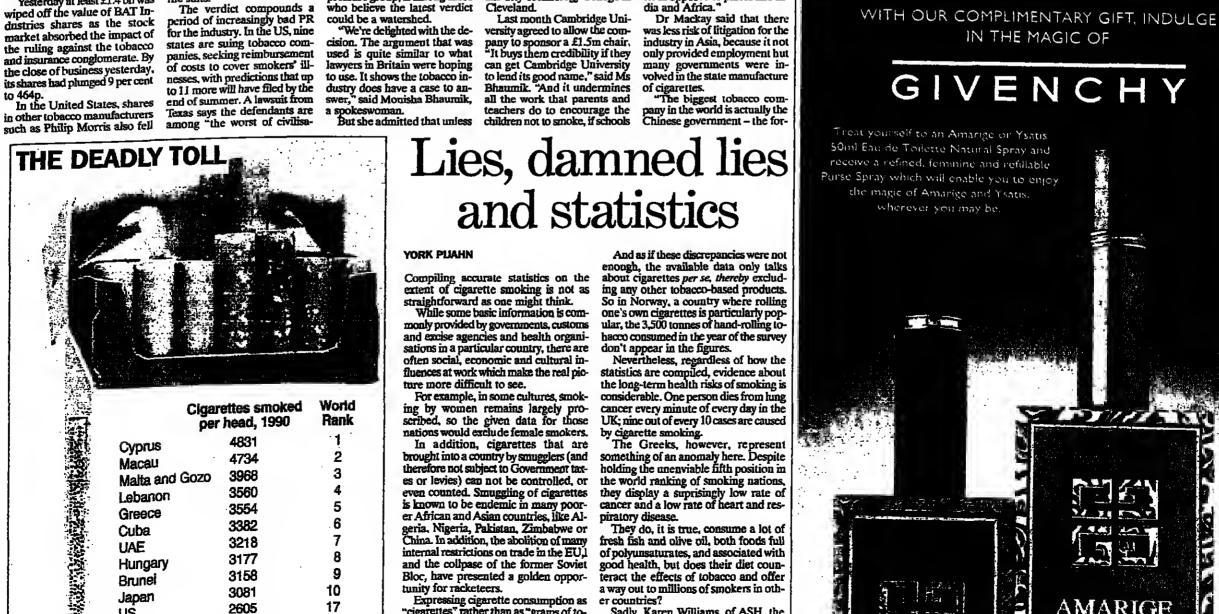
BAT said that if the appeal court's verdict were to prove unfavourable, the tobacco indus-try would take the case to the Supreme Court.

"The more we look at it, the more we believe there are good grounds for success at the appeal stage, based on the way the judge handled the trial in his use of madmissible, speculative evidence." said a BAT spokesman. "It's a rogue judgement."

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Mandy, her lover, the publicist and the doctor: it has the tragedy and farce of a Mike Leigh film



The mother expecting eight babies leads an unconventional life, Rebecca Fowler reports

They called it a "miracle" as Mandy Allwood, 31, proudly clutched her swelling belly. She has already chosen names for the precious bundle of eight bahies she is carrying, conceived with the aid of fertility drugs. They include Cutie, Chas, Devlin and Buster.

But as she glowed with maternal pride, the octuplets have emerged as one of the greatest ethical tests of man-made science over nature. If doctors are going to play God, whom do they decide to bestow their scientific miracles upon?

The spotlight has fallen on Ms Allwood, from Solibull in the West Midlands; her partner, Paul Hudson, on £47 benefits a week since his lettings business collapsed; his mistress and her two sons whom he fathered;

NICHOLAS TIMMINS

No rigid rules or legal restric-

tions cover the type of infertil-

ity treatment Mandy Allwood

appears to have received, med-

ical organisations said yester-

day - the decision over who

should be treated lying with in-

dividual intertility specialists.

Embryology Authority's rules

cover only IVF and related treat-

ments and sperm donation, not

the more routine use of fertili-

ty drugs simply to stimulate the

practice lays emphasis on the

welfare of the child but does not

rule out the treatment of single

women, stressing however that

a woman's husband or partner

will be the legal father.

Public Policy Editor



In the spotlight: Mandy Alfwood and Paul Hudson flee from a resta in their story, told for a price the "News of the World" (top left)

by whom she has a five-year-old son, Charles; and a trail of other complex domestic

arrangements.

In the midst of it all, Ms Allwood, the latest client of the PR guru Max Clifford who is negotiating deals with the media for her and Mr Hudson worth up to £1m over two years, declared: "I am the happiest woman in the world."

In a scenario as potentially tragic and farcical as a Mike Leigh film, the story of how the octuplets were conceived began at Liberty's night-cluh in the West Midlands. There Ms Allwood and Mr Hudson, 37, went on their first date after they met when she was a general manager with General Accident Property Services near Solihull.

Treatment free of restrictions

The General Medical Coun-

cil would only act in cases of

serious professional miscon-

duct and the British Medical

Association yesterday declined

to become involved, stating

that any question of guidelines

was a matter for the Royal Col-

lege of Ohstetricians and

drugs "should be restricted to

appropriately investigated cou-

ples" and that "welfare of any

resulting child from the treat-

ment and of other existing chil-

John Friend, a vice-president of the college, said: "We think couples should be counselled to-

gether and made aware of all

the possible problems that mul-

tiple pregnancies can produce

The RCOG's guidelines state

Gypaecologists.

plastering husiness. She was in charge of tettings for General Accident, including the renting out of several of Mr Hudson's flats. The couple say they did not take to each other on the first meeting but he admired her professionalism.

He asked her to work for his husiness, Litchfield Estates in Erdington, Birmingham. She was given a £1,000-a-month salary and a company BMW,

and romance began to surface. In 1994 she divorced Mr Pugh after eight years of marriage. The year before she had had an abortion after being treated with drugs following a car crash. Mr Pugh now lives with his childhood sweetheart in Shirley in the West Midlands. He intends to seek custody of Ms Allwood was still married his son. "My son is in the mid-

World at One that the college

"is not in the business of dis-

ciplining. We are trying to in-

crease and raise standards all

the time, but they are guidelines

particular situations where

they are not applicable ... but

we hope our fellows and mem-

bers have read them and do use

Mr Friend said however that

he understood that Ms Allwood

had been advised not to con-

some point."

and her daughter. Ms Edwards went on a holiday to Blackpool with Mr Hudson and their children two weeks ago, shortly after he discovered Ms Allwood was pregnant. Mr Hudson explained where this sort of induction of that he was a "free spirit" and ovulation is taking place. It Ms Allwood explained that she would be unusual not to have accepted the arrangement. the male partner involved at

wards, 28, his former girlfriend

who lives in a council house in

Hinckley, Leicestershire, with

his two sons Zack and Kane,

mas Eve.

ome point."

But he told BBC Radio's
World at One that the college is not in the business of dis-"We're both fiercely independent and that is one of the things that attracted me to Paul in the

> Mr Hudson said: "I'll never desert Maria or Mandy. But I couldn't live with either of them. I'm too in love with life to do anything else. I don't believe that makes me a bad dad. My kids are my life, my number one priority ... I'm determined to support them, no matter how many babies survive

relationship," Mr Pugh said. filling his head about what family life is supposed to be like."
For a while Ms Allwood and Mr Hudson had enjoyed entrepreneurial riches. They had matching BMWs in silver and gold. But Mr Hudson's business collapsed and the couple went bankrupt last year. Her dream of having a child with him appeared to have ended when she had a miscarriage on Christ-Ms Allwood says she has never resented Mr Hudson's decision to continue spending two

Babe in arms: Mandy cradles her son Charles, now aged 5, by Simon Pugh, who she divorced two years ago

had not been aware that Ms Allportedly ignored doctors' advice not to have sex at a critical time in the treatment. He asked her to consider an abortion before

they discovered she was carrying eight babies.

Ms Aliwood's father, from whom she is partially estranged, was surprised by the arrange-

was a shock for Mr Hudson. He ment. Brian Allwood, 60, an obviously meant to be." Paul's lifestyle and Paul is lotally electrician, said: "I have been wood had taken two doses of a to her home only once, several fertility drug or that she had re- months ago, and I cannot even remember which road it's on."

In the meantime, Mr Hudson has adapted to his new role as the father of eight unborn children, and the couple, who are staying at a secret address, are coping with the me-dia attention well. Mr Hudson said: "Our eight bahies were thing. We sat down and talked it all through in Wimhledon vil-lage. Mandy is totally aware of

They are also relaxed about their life and times unfolding for all to see, according to Mr Clifford. "They were totally aware of what was going to happen in the media, ex-boyfriends, ex-girlfriends - they're not shocked," he said "They have been very open about the whole

aware of Mandy's lifestyle. He added: "Mandy just wants to do what is best for the babies now. But if she can have eight healthy children, that's what she wants to do. The most important thing is the health of the babies and the health of Mandy. It's not a question of having eight babies at all costs, it's a question of if she can have eight healthy children she will."

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Election battles: Tories attack Blair as Fabians target the monarchy Why voters won't believe that Labour is led by a demon

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

"What do the Tories do next?" one of Labour's most hard-bitten spin-doctors asked vesterday. "Are they going to suggest that Blair eats babies for breakfast? It is absurd; Blair as the devil incarnate does not wash,

and it will not work." But all the signs are that the Conservative campaign to demonise Tony Blair is an act of desperation. As such, it will be maintained simply because the Tories have no other weapon in

the armoury.
The daunting nature of the Tory task - to convince the voters that they have more to fear from Labour than they have from the re-election of John Major - was illustrated by the re-sults of a Gallup poll, buried in yesterday's Daily Telegraph.

At the latest count, Gallup's average fear factor of a fifth

in 1979 the Tories targeted issues; now its people Tory term was 66 per cent, compared with just 36.5 per cent for Labour. The highest level of public concern about Labour was 52 per cent; a bare majority who thought that inflation

might rise sharply. However, that concern was put into context by the 10 concerns of voters about the Tories which scored fear ratings of between 54 and 83 per cent, including three-quarters of those

if another Conservative government did deliver tax cuts, "people might have to pay more towards things like health care, pensions and education". On the hasis of Gallup's find-

ings, the negative Tory campaign warning of New Labour, New Danger appears to have made little or no impact whatsoever. That result would coincide

with the fashionable view that negative campaigning does not work. But it certainly appeared

when Conservative campaign managers geared everything they did to "tax and Kinnock". But while the attacks on Mr Kinnock's policy changes, and his "unreliability", worked with the gram of public feeling about

to work against Neil Kinnock in the last election campaign,

the man, there are no such fears about Mr Blair, the Tories are try-ing to create fears where few exist. There is little new in that: they turned Mr Kinnock into a bogeyman, and they frightened the children with Tony Benn during the Eighties. In the 1951 election campaign, they harped on the threat posed by Aneurin Bevan as an evil dictator ready to take over from Clement Attlee.

But there is no germ of electoral fear about Blair, as there was about Bevan, Benn and Kinnock. The Tories are relying on the voters' gullibility. It is a measure of their desperation that there is nothing else left.

Chity to National National

'Dirge-like' anthem hitting the wrong note

CLARE GARNER

way, Britain will kiss goodbye to the "dirge-like tune" that is its national anthem and march into the next century singing a stirring song by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Paul Richards, author of the left-wing think tank's controversial document Long to Reign Over Us?, has called for a Eu-

If the Fabian Society has its

rovision Song Contest-style event to pick alternatives. "God Save the Queen", which "doesn't mention Britain, or even England once", is "more about hashing the Scots than anything else," he said.

didate for Billericay and member of the Pabian Society Executive Committee wants a new "exultation of nationhood" with words by the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, and music by Lloyd Webber, to be commissioned to mark the millennium. He also suggests the English should have a separate anthem - "Patriotic

the bill admirably," he said.
"Britain's national anthem is something of an embarrassment

hymns such as Tvow to thee my

country' or 'Jerusalem' would fit

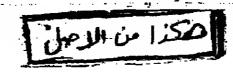
Northern Irish. Scotland and Wales have their own anthems 'Flower of Scotland' and 'Men of Harlech', both robust celebrations of slaughtering the English." The situation really hit home

during Euro 96 when "a lot of people" were embarrassed "that we didn't have a good, strong song with which to support our side other than Football's Coming Home", he said. Lloyd Webber was not in-

clined to tinker with the national tune. His spokesman, Shimon nention Britain, or even England in a modern age, not least because of the dirge-like tune," he said. "For a start it is an English to the prospective Labour can-

has no complaint whatsoever with 'God Save The Queen'." A senior Labour Party spokesman called the suggestion that the national unthem may chauge "sheer fantasy". And Ted Hugh-

es declined to comment at all. The constitutional expert Vernon Bogdanor felt that a little fine-tuning was all that was needed. "The one I like best is the Benjamin Britten orches-tration," he said. The Tory peer and novelist Jeffrey Archer said he would be loath to change the present anthem. Having heard the recent Russian and Australian efforts at revision, he said



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DAILY POEM

By Christopher Reid

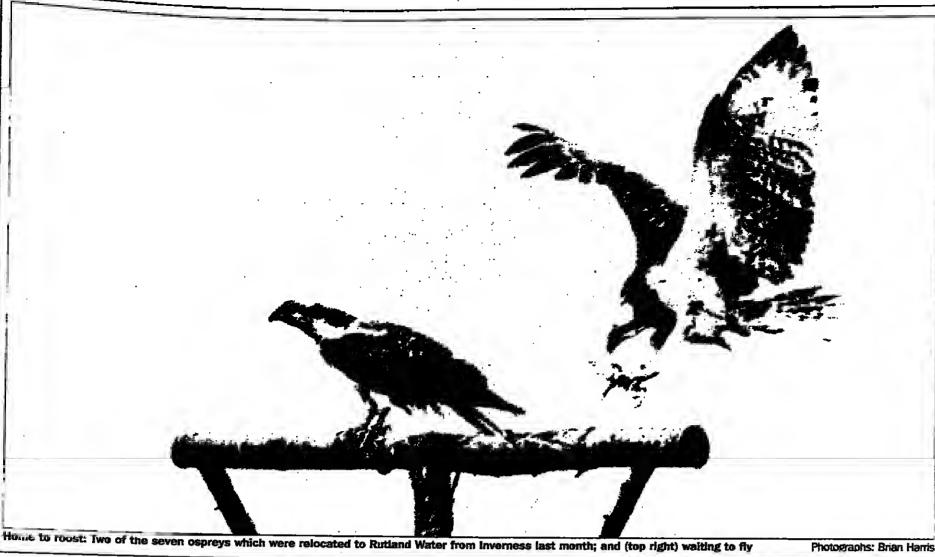
As he read the reports, he saw at once that all the mermaids were dugongs or dolphins.

Their tresses were garlands of sea vegetation, or the billows they made as they swam far off.

And what of the songs that could hill and lure impettions mariners to their downfall?

A munus compounded of wind and birds' cries and something on the brain too wicked to think about.

Christopher Reid has been Poetry Editor at Faber & Faber Since 1991, but is a published poet in his own right. Arcacia since 1991, but is a published poet in his own right. Arcacia was published in 1979, followed by Pea Soup in 1982. Since was published in 1979, followed by Pea Soup in 1982. Since was published have been three collections for Faber – Katerina then, there have been three collections for which this poem is taken. lished early next month, and from which this poem is taken. lished early next month, and from which this poem is taken. He has been awarded a Cholmondeley Award by the Society He has been awarded a Cholmondeley Award by the Society of Authors for his contribution to poetry.



Ospreys take to the air in Rutland NICHOLAS SCHOON **Environment Correspondent**

Five young ospreys have been released at Rutland Water, Leicestershire, one nf Britain's biggest reservoirs, in the hope that the rare fish-cating cagles

will begin hreeding there. Ospreys have not raised any young in England since 1842, due to persecution by man. They began to nest in Scotland after a long absence in 1954, and the population north of the border now stands at 100 hreeding pairs.

ited Rutland Water on their speed into the water.

tering in West Africa. The local wildlife trust and Anglian Water huilt artificial nests in the hope of persuading them to stay, but in vain. In a further attempt to establish the hirds, seven chicks were taken from nests near Inverness last month, with the permission nf Scottish Natural Heritage.

and brought to Rutland. Five of the birds have takof these has been found deail. After nervous starts, the other four flying birds have been

£20m pay and perks for water bosses

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

The "shameless greed" of wa- selves previously, they've come demned by Labour spokesman. Frank Dobson yesterday, after he had exposed details of a new £20m pay and perks package for the industry's directors.

The Labour analysis of the pay and perks awarded to 95 directors of 10 water companies values them at £20,084,084, when the value of executive share options and new, longterm incentive plans are added to total salaries for 1995-96.

Away in the lead are the 18 directors of two companies, Southern and United Utilities, who share a total package worth almost £7m.

Labour estimates that

William Courtney, the executive chairman of Southern - who ceases to be a director at the end of the year, following the takeover of Southern by Scottish Power - is currently on a pay and perks package worth more than £1m.

A valuation of £954,905 is put on the pay and perks of Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman of United Utilities, who is one of numerous water bosses to be put intn a long-term incentive

plan. In Sir Desmund's case, the plan offers him the prospect of 87.5 per cent of basic salary which works out at £223,650 – on delivery of certain conditions. Sir Desmond is also on a shortterm incentive plan, offering him a further annual payment of 40 per cent of basic salary, or £102,240.

Mr Dobson said yesterday: The water company bosses

have no shame. After public criticism discredited the share options they awarded them-

gives them even more money.

"On top of the now customary high level of pay and perks, they are setting up a new scam -long-term incentive plans - to give themselves new bonuses if they hit targets they have set

The Labour frontbencher said that in most cases, targets were about financial perfor-mance and had little to do with customer satisfaction - and nothing whatsoever to do with the companies' pollution

Mr Dubson's calculations also excluded proposed long-term incentive plans that have not yet been introduced by Yorkshire and South West Water and, following the French takeover of Northumbrian Water, that company will not even disclose whether it has a bonus scheme at all.

"All this shows that the water industry, recklessly privatised by the Tory Government, is going from bad to worse."

He said that not only were the industry bosses raying them. industry bosses paying them-selves more and more, but useful staff were being laid off, companies were making record profits and pay almost no tax because if the terms of the pri-vatisation deal.

Companies were being fined for polluting the environment, the public was being pressured into accepting water meters -and ministers were pro-grammed to defend all the excesses of the water industry leaders. Mr Dobson added.

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First round to Springsteen in battle over Seventies CD

springsteen, the American rock of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, tar, and a British music com-pany went to the High Court songs under the file Unearthed vesterday, where a judge re- and promote them as an lusted to strike out the action in historic collection of the star's which the singer is attempting to prevent early recordings he work at the outset of his career.

Mr Springsteen has issued a made in the Seventies being writ saying that the recordings

The company, Flute International, based in Bristol, The battle between Bruce and director Robert Tringham,

are unauthorised. The songs

postponed.

However, Flute International and Mr Tringham believe that they hought the songs legitimately from a USbased company, which had ac-Mr Springsteen has issued a quired them from the producer of the music, who was

have hecome the subject of a recorded the songs in New ensure the rights are clear, and tortured legal wrangle and distribution of the album has been and 1972. ensure the rights are clear, and is continuing to do so, even though now they have to go

Tony Morris, solicitor for Flute and Mr Tringham, and who is a specialist in the music industry, denied the allegations of piracy. "This is a very responsible company, with respected and established rock stars has become increas-directors from the music in- ingly contentious in recent with Mr Springsteen when he dustry," he said. "It has tried to years. Many back-catalogues

through the courts to do that."
He added: "It's not a question of piracy. My clients have

tried to do this the right way." The issue of who owns copyright for early recordings by

cover music from the Fifties, Sixties and early Seventies, when music contracts were often vague. In the rest of Europe, the law has been

streamlined only recently.

Mr Morris said: "I've got Jimi Hendrix cases dating back 15 years. And for every band breaking through now, they'll have done something in the past

only recently broken through. What happens to a tape they might have made in a studio a decade ago, that someone

finds? The company had hoped to sell between 200,000 and 300,000 copies of the Springsteen alhum in Europe, and it was due for release in Britain

their fame. Pulp has been go-ing for at least 10 years, but has been put on the distribu-ing for at least 10 years, but has Germany.

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Mr Springsteen has bested a High Court writ against Flute and Mr Tringham for planages over the proposed CD. He is also seeking injunctions restraining them from copying or selling any of the 16 songs on





From Othello to the Minstrels: Jeremy Irons faces a choice which can never be simply black or white

CHARLLE BAIN and DAVID LISTER

The actors' union, Equity, last night called on the producers of a new film about the founder of dia, and American Equity tried, Pakistan to "search as widely as albeit unsuccessfully, to han possible" for an Asian performer to play the role of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, following the disclosure that the British actor Jeremy Irons had been approached to play the part.

The move to cast the 47-yearold actor in the role of Jinnah, nation, caused consternation among Asian and Afro-Caribbean actors, who disagreed with him "blacking-up" for the role.

If Irons were to accept the part, it would revive the debate over whether it is politically permissible for white actors to black up, while black actors find

it desperately hard to get work.
While Laurence Olivier put on coatings of black make-up to play Othello at the National Theatre, and the Black and White Minstrel Show appeared weekly on television in the ear-

ly Sixties, sensitivities are now uity's general secretary, said far more acute. Sir Alec Guinness suffered critical derision when he blacked up for David Lean's film of A Passage To Inthe British actor Jonathan Pryce from playing a Vietnamese spiv in the Broadway production of for an Asian performer to play Miss Saigon, when there were the role of Mohammed Ali Jin-Asian actors available to play the part.

The prevailing climate against blacking-up has caused formed at the National Theatre or Royal Shakespeare Compa-ny, and white actors are unable to perform one of the greatest tragic roles in the English lan-guage. But the heads of those two companies see this as a small sacrifice compared to the insult to black actors and black audiences of seeing a white

man put on black make-up. The Jinna project has been undertaken by Professor Akbar Ahmed, a fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge who sees Irons as ideal for the part.

that the union disagreed that such a high-profile Asian role should go to a white actor. "Equity's policy is advisory on the entertainment industry and means that we would expect the producer of this film to have searched as widely as possible

nah," he said. We do not know whether Jeremy Irons has accepted this role, but in any event, we do not to read it. the Muslim revered by Pakits own problems. Shake-istanis as the founder of their speare's Othello is rarely permade under "limited and exceptional circumstances".

Professor Ahmed, who is coproducing and co-scripting the film, defended his position yesterday, saying that the casting of Irons in the role was to help the non-Pakistani community to "understand what a great man Jinnah was" and to boost the selfimage of the Pakistani community in Britain. He said: "Jinnah gives me, as a Pakistani, a sense of identity, territory and, above all, a sense of destiny because he created a Muslim nation which Yesterday, Ian McGarry, Eq- does not exist in history.

"Jeremy Irons is perfect for the role and if he takes it, it will do a great deal of good for the self image of the Pakistan com-munity in Britain.

"By seeing a British actor in the role, it will help the non-Pakistani community to see where we came from and what we're all about."

The script of Jinnah has been sent to Irons, but his agents, Hutton management, were unsure if the actor had had time "We know he has got the

terday. "But as far as we know he hasn't had a chance to read it because he has only just got back from holiday.

The film, due for release next year, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of Indian and Pakistani independence, is due to be shot in Karachi, Lahore, Delhi and Bombay. It is understood that a number of British, American, Pakistani and Arab investors have shown interest in putting up the £2m needed for the making of the film, but only if a well-known international star takes the lead role.





Edinburgh Festival: 'Out of chaos comes innovation' - stand-up comics, cabaret, opera, ballet, and Jimmy Boyle's sculpture

Let the rich cultural mix mushroom unhindered

Professor George Steiner is one of the most distinguished philosophers and literary critics

But has he, I wonder, sauntered down Edinburgh's George Street at midnight bent on cramming in a late-night feminist comedy cabaret to supplement the Croatian version of Gilbert and Sullivan and the student Hamlet with, literally, two men and a dog that would have been on offer Until one has such a night,

one can never appreciate the real "relevance" of the Edinhurgh Festival.

Relevance was a word that figured strongly in the inaugural Edinburgh University Festival Lecture delivered last Sunday by Professor Steiner.

He argued that the festival must re-evaluate its relevance or face decline, urging that mure space should be given to the sciences and for allowing the public into rchearsals and a more disciplined and focused

programme overall.
To know when to stop," he said, "is a rare but vivid mark of honesty within excellence."

Not necessarily. At least not in Edinburgh in August. The Edinburgh fringe, in particular, and the official festival to a lesser extent, is something a scientist should cherish. It is a study in experimentation. Make it smaller and you risk losing tuture cultural treasures.

Where should you draw the

Professor Steiner argued at Sunday's lecture that the arts feast was overgrown. David Lister says it can never be too big

line? Do you restrict the number of student companies and risk losing a Beyond The Fringe team or an unwieldy but innovative revue, featuring students called Emma Thompson and Stephen Fry?

Do you allow the students in but restrict the number of unknown, struggling fringe outfits and maybe lose a company like Kick Theatre, which produced the now internationally celebrated theatre director Deborah Warner?

Do you say, as many have done in recent years, that there is too much stand-up comedy and chance losing late-night cult figures such as Jack Dee, Jenny Eclair, Mark Thomas and Eddie Izzard, all now national television favourites?

Out of chaos comes innovation, ideas and occasional stardom. Edinburgh is, perhaps uniquely in the arts, an instant test of market forces. Word of mouth spreads with astonishing rapidity, new talents are discovered and the lesser talents learn the consummate skills of entertaining an audi-

To reduce the Edinburgh mix is to ignore the needs of the Edinburgh consumer. Visitors to the official festival are people who may never see stand-up comedy the rest of the year - never, indeed, see fringe theatre. The festival gives them their one chance to sample at random the underside of British culture, just as students up for the late-night comic turns might see their first opera and ballet in Edinburgh.

That science plays little or no part in this eclectic cultural mix does not really seem a contradiction, especially as the city hosts a science festival in March, and it is hard to see how science could be best appreciated in the context of theatrically based live shows.

Professor Steiner's urging that the festival should invite audiences into rehearsals to see how art is actually shaped has more appeal. Workshops are widely available at the television festival which starts next week, but are virtually non-existent at the main arts events.

Brian McMaster, director of the Edinburgh Festival, and his counterparts on the fringe, could take note of that suggestion at least. But that aside, the festival and its fringe should be allowed to mushroom as much as its market of tourists and arts junkies allows. The moment that visitors and performers stop having a good time is the moment that it will shrink of its



Homage to the Gorbais: Jimmy Boyle shows off his sculptures Photograph: Geraint Lewia

Boyle moulds taut tribute to human spirit

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

There is an endearing awk-wardness about Jimmy Boyle. convicted murderer turned acclaimed sculptor and wine connoisseur. Here is a man who has achieved riches beyond an excon's wildest dreams, with his Rolls-Royce, second house in France, best-selling autobiography, and soon to be published first novel.

Yet his late success has not brought vanity. Boyle, 52, is standing in front of his new sculptures, homage to his dark and violent past in the Gorbals, which form part of his first Edinburgh exhibition for 22 years. and his first in Britain since 1984. In Praise of the Human Spirit at the Demarco European Art Foundation blends humour and suffering in its muscular, taut depictions of people Boyle

knew from those early days. The most moving bronze, Towerblock, shows a man fighting to free himself from bricks that surround him to the waist. It echoes Boyle's own struggle, but hints at the reality for most

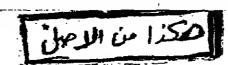
of his contemporaries. The exhibition springs out of the fateful meeting between Boyle and an artist sent into the experimental special unit at Barlinnie prison, where he ended up after being jailed for mur-

der, and subsequently charged with the attempted murder of six prison officers following a 1973 jail riot.

"I'd been in solitary confinement for six and a half years and I was put into the special unit. We wanted neutral people brought in to make sure there was no dirty work - we also ways felt there was a lot of brutality - so they brought in this woman. We hadn't seen a woman for years, so you can imagine what the screws were saving: 'You can't allow this, they'll rape her'. Meanwhile, we were getting our shirts pressed and our hair combed and saying to each other. 'Don't swear or she'll not come back. She brought in 78hs of clay and it was like a dam broke. I did a bust immediately of one of the other prisoners.

lt was a revelation. Fourteen years after Boyle emerged from prison, his sculpture has won him an international reputation. These days, his limited edition bronzes sell for up to £9,500.

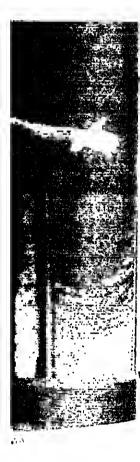
But he has not forgotten his past. He has set up a trust to help up to 1,000 deprived children a year, and before that, founded the Gateway Exchange in Edinburgh as an advice and campaigning unit for young people at risk. His own son, James, a heroin addict, was stabbed to death two years ago.



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TUESDAY LEADER BOOK

Earl's TV soap upsets ramblers

NIGEL BURNHAM

Conservationists are angry over plans by the Earl of Harewood to allow a television company to huild a replica of the set featured in its popular soap opera Emmerdale on his 4,000-acre estate near Leeds,

Yorkshire TV (YTV) has applied for temporary consent to construct a 26-building repli-ca of the set in artificial stone and plywood on a 12-acre site about a mile south of Harewood House, the Queen's cousin's

magnificent ancestral home.
Although the site is outside Harewood House's Grade I registered parkland, landscaped by Capability Brown, it is none the less in a Special Landscape Area within the green belt, and protesters, led by the Ramblers' Association, fear the scheme would have damaging environmental consequences. The plan, which would in-

volve the building of new ver-sions of Emmerdale landmarks, like the Woolpack public house, as well as the restoration of some redundant Grade II listed

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chance if it were to be a real village'

cottages and farm buildings, could provide YTV with its exterior set for the next ten years.

If it is approved, insiders believe the deal, yet to be finalised between YTV and Harewood House, could be worth £2m to the Earl, who has a long asso-ciation with the arts world, and is a former chairman of the English National Opera.

The Earl has allowed YTV to film on his land for more than 25 years, and it has been used as the backdrop to series such as Heartheat and A Touch of Frost as well as Emmerdale.

The opposition to the plan is being led by the Ramhlers' Association which has already lodged an objection with Leeds City Council, due in consider the scheme letter this month. It the scheme later this month. It has also appealed to John Gummer, the Secretary of State for the Environment, to call in the application for a public inquiry.

Frank Reynolds, chairman of

the West Riding Ramblers' Association, described the proposal as "horrific". He said:

"If this were a fully habitable village or a commercial or industrial scheme nn the same scale it would be rejected nnt of hand ... Yet an industrial scheme is exactly what it is." The Ramblers' Association

says that Harewood has promised that the set will not become a real-life village after YTV has finished with it.

Clive Fox, spokesman for the local branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, which is also objecting to the scheme, said: "This is a straightforward commercial venture which would not stand a cat-in-hell's chance of being approved in a green belt if it was going to be a real village.

"It would be a huge intrusion here, and ... adversely affect what is a delightfully tranquil pastoral setting. The whole amblance of a large area of green belt – which should be sacro-sanct – would be seriously jeopardised." He said it would be "naive" to think the village would go away after ten years. Christopher Ussher, resident

agent for Harewood House, dismissed the objections, describing the site of the proposed village as "ordinary farmland".
"We have chosen this location

precisely because there will be minimal environmental im-pact", he said, adding that Harewood believed the scheme to be well thought out and "fan-tastic for rural jobs, [bringing] all sorts of other benefits to the local community".

Mr Ussher rejected the ramblers' claims that the scheme would affect public access to the area. "The site is not on a pub-lic right of way", he said. "Ac-cess would be via a private farm road we've offered to YTV. There will he shared use of about 200 metres of one public right of way but vehicle movements will be strictly lim-ited. We are only talking about temporary consent ... after which the set will be returned

to a green-field site." A spokesman for Yorkshire TV, which has filmed Emmerdale at Esholt, near Bradford, for the past 10 years, occasionally visiting Harewood for location shooting, said yesterday: "We ... need to move to cope with broadcasting three episodes of Emmerdale a week from next year. We think the Harewood House estate site ... could be achieved without any adverse affects on the environment and public rights of way."

Health unions condemn offer

LOUISE JURY

Health unions have condemned a proposed pay offer linked to sickness levels which they claim could put patients at risk. The Wirral Hospital NHS

Trust has offered staff in its two hospitals a 1 per cent pay rise as long as they do not take more per cent rise. than seven uncertificated days off sick a year.

off sick a year.

The plan has angered staff.

Norman Robinson, hranch secretary for the health workers' union Unison, said: "A hospital is not the healthiest place to work to start with ... We have the staff shortages and, following of the staff shortages and shortages are shortages and shortages and shortages and shortages and shortages are shortages and shortages are shortages and shortages and shortages are shortages are shortages and shortages are shortages and shortages are shortages and shortages are shortages and shortages are shortages are shortages and shortages are shortages and shortages are sho staff shortages and, following reorganisation, far more stressrelated illness than I've ever known before ... It's not going to be wise for people to come in feeling under par. It could be dangerous

dangerous."
Martin Holt, the Royal College of Nursing's lead steward in the negotiations, said: "I've been constantly stopped in the corridors by people saying how ridiculous this [offer] is."

Although the offer has been rejected in principle, a further

objection lies in the details. The money would not be paid until 31 March next year backdated to the beginning of this April. This means anyone who has been ill since April immediately forfeits the increase, which comes on top of the national Government-funded

The unions have written to the trust to turn down the offer, and claim members would vote for industrial action if it goes to ballot.

Frank Burns, the Wirral Hospital Trust chief executive, said the overall 3 per cent offer was one of the most generous in the region. "I have no doubt that we will have a robust negotiation and eventually reach a settlement that will be acceptable to all concerned," he said.

In a letter to staff, Graham Hewitt, human resources director at the trust, said the offer was linked to sickness absence rates because the trust above the rates as a second to the said the said the said to said the said the said to said the said to said the said to said the said the said to said the sa had been "concerned" about them for some years. The absences cost the trust more than £2m a year.





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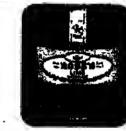
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Cuba wishes happy birthday to the aging maximum leader

Latin America Correspondent

When 32-year-old lawyer-cumrevolutionary Fidel Castro gave his first victory speech in Havana in January 1959, a white dove circled the podium. mesmerising all except the speaker. It landed oo Castro's left shoulder, sparking shouts of

mostly followers of the voodoolike African-rooted Santeria religion, it was an omen. In Santeria, the dove is a symbol of the Son of God. "Fidel is an elegido [Chosen One]," a Babalao. or Santeria priest, said later. "He has a mandate from God."

Seventy today, Castro is the last, stubborn remnant of communism in the western hemisphere. The beard is still there, To the superstitious Cubans, though grey. The belt has had

to be loosened on his olive uniform tunic but the back is still straight. The voice tends to tremble but the words have not changed. "Socialism or Death!" he still tells his audience.

"Dying doesn't figure in my immediate plans," he told the U.N. at its own birthday party. its 50th, in New York last year. "Fidel will not die!" shout his supporters whenever he speaks. During more than 37 years in power, he has seen eight U.S. to name his most dangerous presidents come and go. But can go on for ever?

'He is in visibly poor health, a big decline since I last saw him in October," said Dan Rather, CBS's TV anchorman, who recently filmed a documentary on Castro. "He was feeble when he took steps. He conserves his

He also retains a sense of humour. When Rather asked him out, destroying his image.

moments, he said they were the CIA's plots to kill him - "with the possible exception of flying

Castro is estimated to have survived 33 assassination attempts. The CIA's included a plan to make him smoke an exploding cigar and the "Samson Scheme". that would make his beard fall

larly since the collapse of the Soviet Union, Cuba's long-time protector. The island has since been in a "Special Period," an economic state of emergency

with rationing of hasie goods. In his last major speech, on 26 July, el Jefe Maximo (the Biggest Chief) claimed the economy was recovering, citing a growth rate of 9.6. per cent. and to appreciate the social

That image has been battered by economic disaster, particumy to a certain degree, allowing small businesses and the legal holding of US dollars.

With the communist party still the only one permitted, however, and with dissidence often punished by jail terms, it is hard to gauge his popularity. Castro appears to retain support among those old enough to remember the Batista dictatorship

changes he brought about. The younger generation tends to be more openly critical and in favour of change.

Aware of that sentiment, Castro has delegated more responsibility to younger men such as economics tsar Carlos Lage and Roberto Robaina, Foreign Minister. Both are tipped as possible successors should Castro step down but few Cubans expect him to do so.

Kremlin blamed by Lebed for bloodshed

HELEN WOMACK

President Boris Yeltsin's oew envoy to Chechnya, Alexander Lebed, yesterday returned from a lightning visit to the edge of the war zone full of criticism for the Russian authorities and their handling of the rebellious Caucasian region.

During his trip, he had talks with the moderate Chechen field commander, Aslan Maskhadov, as a result of which Russian and Chechen officers were yesterday in telephooe contact with each other in an attempt to arrange a ceasefire in and around Grozny. Bot the internal fighting may only just be starting in the Kremlin after General Lebed's savage criticism of the Russian government and its representatives in



A new system for dealing with Chechnya needed to be worked out, he said, suggesting that the Security Council, which he chairs, should start to work on the problem on a permanent basis. He was critical of the existing State Commissioo for Chechnya, headed by the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and suggested that he should

deal only with economic aspects of policy towards the region. General Lehed, co-opted onto the Kremlin team as head of national security after doing well in the first round of the presideotial election, and still enjoying a reputation as "Mr Clean", accused Moscow's puppet government in Grozny of corruption and of fuelling the war in the interests of its own survival. Money from the federal hudget was being channelled to the rebels "through commercial banks with the tacit consent of the Chechen gov-

ernment," he said. The government in Moscow lacked objective information about Chechnya. "A torrent of lies is coming from Chechnya, especially from the Chechen leader, Doku Zavgayev," he said, referring to the head of the

puppet administration. He also attacked the team of President Yeltsin's former envoy to Chechnya, Oleg Lobov, who was sacked on Saturday af-



crisis, a deputy to Mr Lobov was sunning himself on holiday in Cyprus. General Lebed said. During his short trip to Chechnya, General Lebed visited Russian troops serving in

the area and was appalled. Conscripts at federal checkpoints were "half-starved, lousy and undressed," he said. These weakened men can hardly represent the interior

ministry or the defence ministry. Partisans in the Second World War were dressed better than gion which ruined the "I had a feeling things were far Maskhadov and the other MusPresident's inauguration celefrom good hut I did not think lim leaders whom he met late Muslim region of Russia. On the ground, battles con-

The root of the Chechen problem was in Moscow, he declared in a statement which is likely to make him enemies in the Kremlin. He admitted that he was taking a risk by being so outspoken. There were people in power who wanted 'Chechnya to be my undoing". he said. A joke currently doing the rounds among ordinary Russians says that Chechnya will

"swan", into a duck. By cootrast, General Lebed

turn Lebed, whose name means

Stary Atagi, about 12 miles south of Grozny. A Russian television report said they had found "a common language on 95 per cent of the issues"

According to General Lebed, Mr Maskhadov, who is more moderate than other Chechens on the issue of independence, bad agreed that "Russia can live without Chechnya hut Chechnya cannot live without Russia". The General said he got the impression that Mr Maskhadov would be satisfied with autonar to that er

Maskhadov shared the view that Russia could crush Chechnya, but only hy sacrificing thousands of lives, and that nobody needed such a victory. The two men agreed to try and achieve a ceasefire. Mr Maskhadov said that for a truce

to work, it was a condition that Russia did not introduce a state of emergency in Chechnya, as politicians in Moscow have been demanding since the lat-est upsurge in fighting. Gener-al Lebed said Russia had her the men not money to

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seventh day, in the worst fight-ing since Moscow first sent its

tanks and troops to Chechnya in December 1994. The Russians were reported to have stopped their air attacks over the city but civilians had abandooed the streets to the army and the rebel gunmen. Near the southern Russian

city of Volgograd, a bomh ex-ploded on a packed train, killing a woman and injuring several other passengers. It was not clear whether Chechens or the Mafia were behind the attack.

Police raid migrants' church protest

MARY DEJEVSKY

Police raided the church of St Bernard in central Paris at dawn yesterday, to evict 300 mainly African and Maghrebian immigrants campaigning to be granted legal residence in France as the parents of French nationals. The immigrants had occupied the church on 28 June after being evicted from other premises in a protest that began in March.

The group included 10 people on protracted hunger strike. five of whom were detained in hospital after medical examination. A lawyer for the pro-testers said the police action was legally questionable and that those who wanted to return to the church should do so.

Daniel Vaillant, the Socialist mayor of the Paris district where the raid took place, said the government had to understand that "such a rough and contemptuous attitude would solve

Last mooth, the Interior minister, Jean-Louis Debré, sigoalled a softer line on illegal immigrants who were "foreign parents of French children" (illegal immigrants whose children were born in France and were French nationals), whose situation had attracted concern.

As the law stood, these parents had no right to remain in France and no entitlement to a work permit or benefits, but nor could they be expelled because they had legally resident French

Local authorities have been instructed to give such people "leave to remain" for one year and the opportunity to regularise their position thereafter.

Yesterday's eviction came only days after Mr Dehre announced tougher action oo illegal immigration, including the creation of a central body to co-ordinate information and action. He also said that the number of "deportation charters" - special flights repatriating illegal immigrants - would he increased from two to three

a month for the rest of this year. Since 1993, place of birth has not automatically eotitled a person to French citizenship, and children born to illegal immigrants after this date can be deported with their parents. People in this category were at the centre of the St Bernard protest, and are demanding that the group be dealt with as a whole, rather than "case by case", as the government insists.

on Sunday in the village of The general said he and Mr tinued to rage yesterday for the this summer. Surgeon's hope does not fail in Grozny's last hospital

CARLOTTA GALL

There is only one working hospital left in the war-torn city. Hospital No 3, a ramshackle huilding with oo running water and only a skeleton staff.

It lies on the oorth-west edge of the city. The shelling is sporadic compared to the centre of town, where the bombardment is constant. But people bringing patients to the hospital have to run a gauntlet of hullets from

nearby Russian posts, and shells pitched from tank positions on

Davidov, arrived in a truck with medical supplies just after several loud explosions shook the windows of his hospital, shattering those of one building.

the hills opposite.
The chief surgeon, Mikhail

One, called a "cassette bomb", floated down on a parachute before bursting in the air, throwing out small metal bombs which exploded only 100m from the hospital.

the war from 1994 under this sort of shelling. While we have electricity, we can continue operations. There is a Latin saying that goes, While I live, I hope. If I did not hope, I would have left long ago.

He looked out of the window with a hlank stare. Heavier shelling was pounding apartmeot huildings 500m away, puffs of smoke rising as the mis-siles hit their targets. He still had

Mr Davidov showed little a generator hut no telephone or surprise: "We worked through radio cootact with the outside world. Medical supplies were low and they were reduced to fetching water in drums from a kilometre away.

Almost 70 patients had passed through the hospital in six days of fighting, nurses said, including several children hit by sniper bullets. One girl, aged three, hit in the head by a sniper hullet while her family tried to flee the city in their car, was among them. "Her whole

nothing to do, but she lived for 12 hours," Mr Davidov said. Ruslan Aslakhanov, a thin 16-

year-old boy who looked much younger, was shot through the chest only inches from his heart. It was also a sniper from the

ocarby Russian post, he said. Several other patients had been shot while trying to fice the city in cars last week. Ruslan Sadayev, 20, was shot in the back and the foot, as he approached

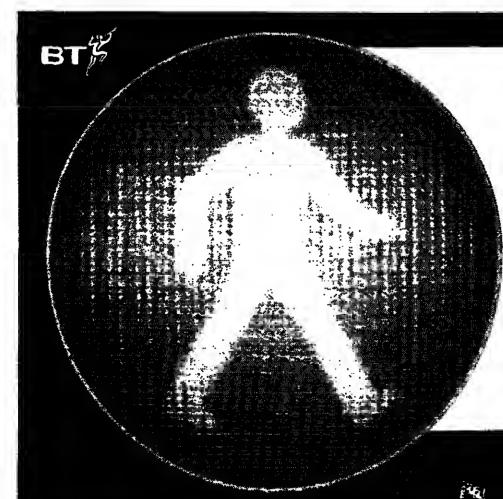
skull was shattered. There was "The soldiers came running arrived." I am the only surgeoo up. I asked them, 'Why did you shoot?' They replied, 'Orders. Shut up, or we'll set fire to you as well," Mr Sadayev said.

"Their aim is to kill Chechen people, or anyone who lives in Chechnya. You can see from the wounds, they want to kill civilians. The snipers sit up oo the roofs. I feel rage when I see their work," the surgeoo said.

Mr Davidov's immediate concern was how to cope if patients with worse injuries

here," he said. "If they hrought in heavily wounded people, it would he really difficult. We do not have an anaesthetist and the ourses have heen working round the clock for three days. A worker for the aid agency Médecins sans Frootières

brought bad oews from the city. All the hig hospitals in the ceotre and south of Grozny were out of actioo. They had been evacuated and had probably been destroyed.



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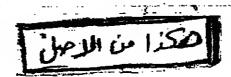
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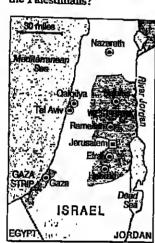
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firmly to Israel Efrat — Now they have fin-ished the tunnels it will be a 10-minute drive from here to Jerusalem, "says Eva Harow, an Israeli settler in the hilliop town of Efrat, on the West Bank, as she points to the glistening black highway which, when it opens later this month, will allow settlers to travel without entering a Palestinian area. Patrick Cockburn

out entering a Palestinian area. It is roads like this which are changing the political geography of the West Bank, binding it irrevocably to Israel, Palestinian cities, such as Hebron and Nablus, far from becoming the centres of a Palestinian state, are increasingly isolated by the new road system which Israel has been building at a furious pace

Khalil Toufakji, a Palestinian cartographer, has no doubt what the so-called bypass roads mean. "They will turn the West Bank into a mosaic," he says. "Ramallah, Hebron and Qalqilya are being surrounded. Do you think the Israelis are Do you think the Israelis are spending \$350m (£230m) on the roads just to hand them back to



Il was a Labour government which built most the new roads after signing the Oslo agreement in 1992. It said they would protect the existing settlements and give the Israeli army overall military control. The Pales sold two months ago i finians always felt suspicious about the large size of the new highways, which seemed de Throughout the West Bar

signed to perpetuate Israel's control of the West Bank.

Mr Idinakji displays a map daing from 1982 showing a new road system planned by the Israeli army, but never constructed. At the time it was called military order number 60. He says: "All they did for publicity purposes was to introduce the word bypass."

Bypasses are a key weapon in the drive to increase settlers, writes

Benjamin Netanyahu, the new right-wing Prime Minister, says the bypass system is the only item of Labour policy of which he wholly approves. With melancholy precision, Mr To-ufakji draws coloured lines on a map of the West Bank. They show new highways in vivid orange, those still planned in pale green and two new roads announced this month by Ariel Sharon, the Infrastructure Min-

ister, in dark pink.
Palestinians are deeply worried by leaked reports of government plans to boost the 140,000 settlers already living in settlements like Efrat by 50,000.

On 2 August the cabinet ended the partial freeze on the expansion of settlements, But in many ways the bypass roads pose a more dangerous threat to Palestinians than a few more settlements. New roads make it more attractive for settlers to move to the West Bank. Mrs Harow, 35, a mother of seven who came to Efrat eight years ago from Los Angeles, says: "When I see a Palestinian policeman I see a terrorist in uniform." A temporary bypass opened six months ago already allows her and other settlers in Efrat to avoid such sights by skirting the autonomous Palestinian enclave of Bethlebem. As soon as he can find the

time in his calendar, Mr Netanyahu is expected to open a more direct road to Jerusalem going through a tunnel under the Palestinian village of Beit Jalla. Local property prices in Efrat are responding. They rose by 10 per cent when Mr Netanyahu was elected on 29 May. One house in the settlement was sold two months ago for £330,000 and a small plot of

Throughout the West Bank bulldozers - and - mechanical grabs are at work, slicing open hillsides and cutting through ancient stone terraces. East of the Palestinian town of Ramallah an almost complete highway dwarfs the existing road linking Palestinian towns and villages. A Jewish settlement such as Elon More, with a population of few hundred, which overlooks

Nablus, where there are 120,000 people, will soon be connected to a better road system than its larger Palestmian neighbour.

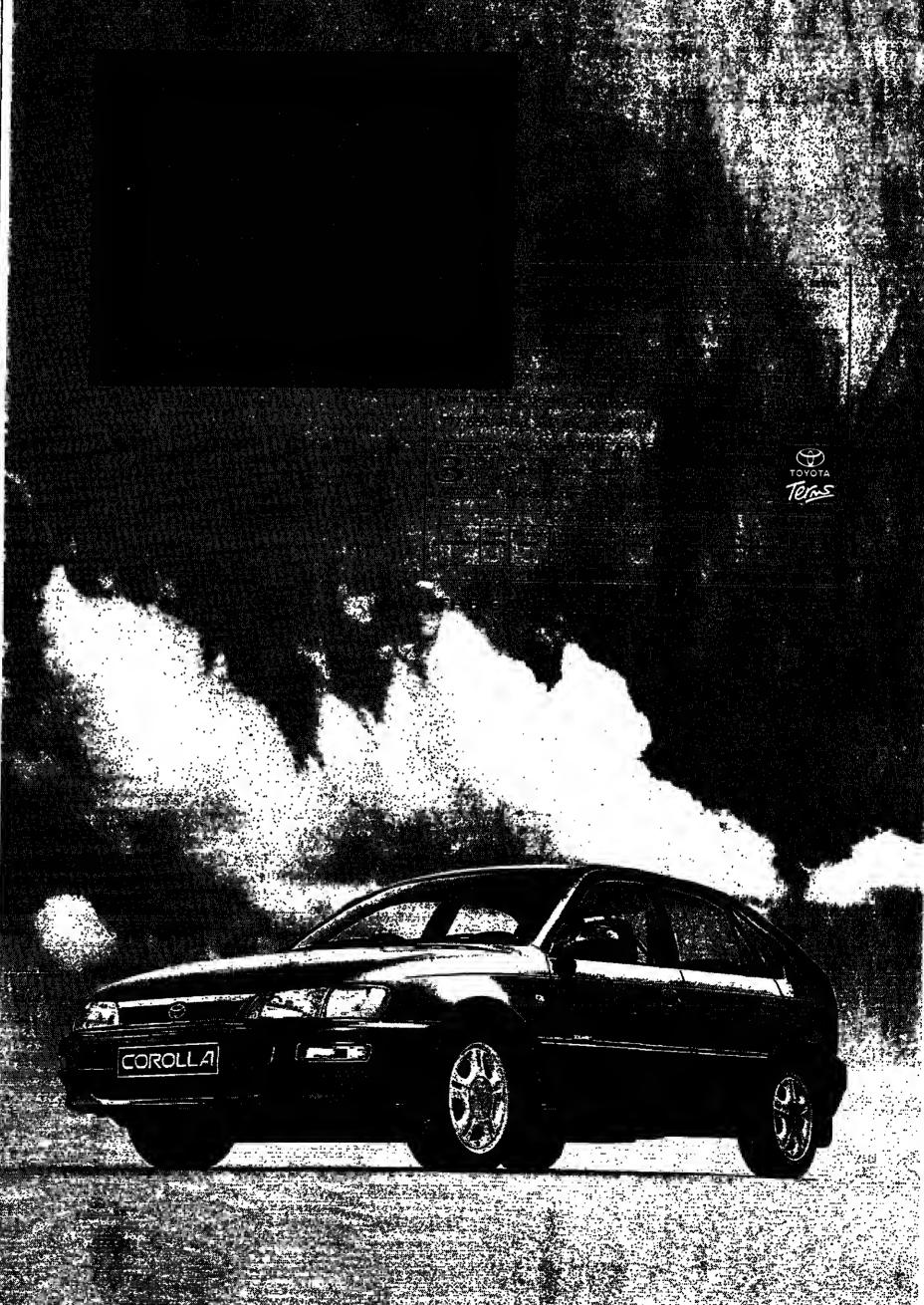
Construction work on the roads has been carried out with roads has been carried out with almost frantic speed since last September, when Israel and the PLO signed the second stage of the Oslo agreement. Palestinian negotiators, fo-cussing on increasing the size of

their autonomous enclaves, ap-Dear to have underestimated th degree to which the bypass sys-tem would reinforce Israeli control of the West Bank.

Mrs Harow says Efrat has a population of 5,500. But she adds, ominously, that "its town plan is for an eventual population of 25,000."



Razed: A wounded Palestinian is carried out of a house on the West Bank which the Israelis destroyed becau



SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Rescue workers continued searching for four people still missing yesterday after an overloaded fishing boat capsized in rough waters off the French coast during a summer festival on Sunday, leaving five dead. The 36ft fishing boat Essor was carrying some 40 people as part of the boat festival at La Cotinière, 325 miles south-west of Paris. A fifth body, that of a young girl, was found near combed the water. Rescue workers were looking for the Essor's fishing nets in the belief that bodies may have been caught in the nets and carried off, according to the Atlantic Regional Operations Centre for Surveillance and Rescue. AP – La Counière the entrance to the port where surface vessels and divers

Three teenage girls who shocked Israel, by boasting about their admiration for Yitzhak Rabin's assassin, said they were sorry, and sent letters of apology to Rabin's widow. Tam sorry about everything, said Merav Hazan. "I don't support Rabin's murder," she told the Yediot Ahronot newspaper. The girls, all aged 17, had gone to see Yigal Amir during his court-room appearances. Amir, 26, is serving a life sentence for killing the Prime Minister last November. In a television interview broadcast last week, the girls said they found Amir attractive. AP – Jerusalem the girls said they found Amir attractive. AP - Jerusalem

President Bill Clinton has declared victory in preventing a private mining company, Crown Butte Mines, from opening a major gold mine on the northern edge of the Yellowstone National Park. The plan had been condemned by environmentalists as a major threat to the condemned by environmentalists as a major threat to the carea's ecosystem, and to the roaming patterns of the grizzly area's ecosystem, and to the roaming patterns of the grizzly hear. Under the deal, Crown Butte will agree lo abandon the controversial project in return for a free gift from the government of ore-bearing federal land with a value of up government of ore-bearing federal land with a value of up to \$65m (£42m). David Usborne - New York

the Pyrénées, rescue workers found two more bodies, bringing the number of people killed to 85. The bodies of a child and a woman, found some 12 miles from the camp site, were suspected to be those of the 7-year-old girl and 31-year-old woman for whom rescue workers were scarching. The bodies were pulled from the Gallego River ahout 3 miles downstream from a reservoir where rescuers had been focusing their efforts. AP – Biescas

Imelda Marcos, the former first lady of the Philippines, that filed a 100 million peso (£2.5m) libel suit against three employees of a business daily newspaper over a three employees of a business daily newspaper over a polymen which she said made her amount or add. Moreover, which she said made her amount or add. three employees of a business daily newspaper over a column which, she said, made her appear greedy. Mrs Marcos sued the columnist, Argee Guevara, and the publisher and managing editor of the independent nusmessworm paper over an article which appeared on 10 November last year. In the column, Guevara described Mrs Marcos as the personification of evil, and called her election last year to the House of Representatives "a sickening sight". AP – Manila Businessworld paper over an article which appeared on

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TWA riddle deepens as bomb doubts grow

DAVID USBORNE New York

The leading theory as to what might have caused Flight TWA S(X) to plunge into the ocean off Long Island almost a month ago - the detonation of a bomh in the front cargo hold - has been thrown into serious doubt because examination of all four containers in the area has shown no evidence of an in-

cendiary blast. The last of the large metal boxes into which passenger bags had been stowed was retrieved from the sea on Sunday and appeared to be essentially intact, if somewhat battered.

James Kallstrom, the FBI agent in charge of the investigation, conceded that all four containers "are basically unre-

Investigators were drawn to the theory of a bomb placed inside one of the containers in

the front section of the aircraft had become detached in the accident and had fallen to the ocean first. They were also at-tracted by parallels with the downing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scottand, in 1988, which was traced to a bomb in the front hold.

The mystery surrounding the loss of TWA 800 therefore appears to be deepening. Inves-tigators are far from giving up on the idea that a bomb caused the explosion, but remain unable to rule out two other possibilities: that the plane was hrought down hy a missile or by a mechanical failure, such as a catastrophic deployment of the engine reverse thrusters in mid-

We bave these three theories and they're all on the board," Mr Kallstrom admitted. *Until we know exactly what happened and which theory

main there." Investigators still appear, however, to favour sabotage of some kind.

An Israeli newspnper. Maariv, reported yesterday that an FBI team is hoping to interview a Lebanese man in detention in Israel who was injured when a bomh he was making exploded prematurely in April.

Flaws in security measures at John F Kennedy airport are also coming under renewed scrutiny. These were graphically demonstrated by the findings of a local police officer investigating security arrangements a week after the crash. With a limited-access security badge issued to ticket clerks of

a commuter airline, the officer

was able to penetrate any part

of the airport he chose, includ-

ing baggage sorting areas and "It was incredible," the offi-

proves to be the case, they'll re- cer reported, attesting about the access he gained to the aircraft themselves. "I suppose if I wanted to, I could have sat down in the pilot's seat and drove away with the thing.

Investigators in the TWA case, turning their attention away from the front cargo hold, are now questioning whether a bomb could have been placed n a food trolley or the carry-on baggage of a passenger that might have been stowed under a seat or in an overhead baggage compartment.

Interest is also being focused on the so-called centre wing fuel tank, a large tank area between the wings that was only partly filled when the plane took off. Parts of the tank already retrieved show signs of intense fire damage. If the fuel that was in the tank became warm enough to become vapour and something ignited it, it could have led to an explosion.



cools one of his charges at Warsaw Zoo, which does not have enough room for its two

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Pol Pot's top man quits Khmer Rouge

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

Convicted and sentenced to death for mass murder, the Khmer Rouge leader, leng Sary, has defected from the infamous Cambodian guerrilla organisation and appears set to lead a new political party in elec-

tions scheduled for 1998. This bizarre state of affairs says far more about the nature of Cambodia's government than it does about Jung Sary, 07. who served as foreign minister to the genocidal Khmer Rouge government which ruled the country from 1975 to 1979.

killing some two million people. Last week, the government in Phnom Penh triumphantly announced leng Sary's defection. alongside a number of other senior Khmer Rouge officers. This was obliquely confirmed by the guerrilla forces whose radio station denounced him for embezzling £10m and described him as a traitor.

tion, the First Prime Minister. Prince Norodom Ranariddh, said that as the death penalty had been abolished, Ieng Sary would have to be jailed. How-ever Hun Sen, the Second Prime Minister, himself a for-mer Khmer Rouge fighter. praised Ieng Sary for saving tens of thousands of lives by

defecting, As ever, Hun Sen's warm welcome for leng Sary looks set to prevail over Prince Ranariddh's wishes. The Second Prime Minister is far more powerful than his supposed leader. He may also be seeking to form an alliance in the forthcoming elections to fight both the First Prime Minister's more popular party and the struggling, hut highly popular, opposition par-ty led by Sam Rainsy, a former

The mystery of Cambodian politics is that no one seems powerful enough to prevent the return of a mass murderer to the political mainstream. In- death for mass murder

deed, leng Sary's planned return is not even being seen in these terms, except by Sam Rainsy. who is just about keeping his head above water in the face of threats to outlaw him.

Some reports have mistakenly described leng Sary as "Brother No. 2", ranking him second in line to the intomous Pot Pot. However this is incorreet, although he was part of the Khmer Rouge core leadership and played a key role in turing intellectuals back to Cambodia after 1975 and in keeping an eye on King Sihanouk during his exile in China.

He is said to be a charismatte leader with an ability to charm, obscuring the ruthless streak which characterises the Khmer Rouge leadership. His defection provides yet more evidence that the guerrillas are seriously split, although reports of a division on the lines of latedliners and reconcilers seems wide of the mark. Much of the dissension in the ranks is over spoils from the Khmer Roue windfall from drugs trafficking

and illegal gems trading. leng Sary has yet to appear in public, but some fellow defectors have announced his political intentions. The government, in the shape of Ok Serei Sopheak, a senior interior ministry official, said "if it is the will of the people" leng Sary could participate in the elections.



leng Sary: Sentenced to

Indonesia holds leading radical

JOE McDONALD

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - A fugitive radical accused of inciting riots last month has been arrested, and the death toll in the violence has risen to four. a spokesman for the Indonesian military said yesterday.

The armed forces spokesman Brigadier General Amir Syari-fuddin said the government is deciding whether to charge Budiman Sujatmiko. 27, with subversion. The crime is punishable by death. Nine other people were ar-

rested also. Syarifuddin said. The government claims subversives were responsible for violence that erupted on July 27 after police raided the headquarters of an opposition par-ty headed by pro-democracy leader Megawati Sukarnoputri. Mr Budiman denied the allegations in a statement issued last week from hiding, saying

they were an excuse to crack down on pro-democracy forces. Opposition figures say that instead of being a leftist plot, the

riots were fuelled by popular anger at poverty, corruption and official interference in

Megawati's party. Suharto overthrew her father. President Sukarno, in 1966. and apparently is afraid her growing following could undermine his regime.

Budiman was arrested late on Sunday at a house in the Bekasi district on the outskirts of Jakarta with five other people. Syarifuddin said, including Petrus Harvanto, secretary general of Budiman's unauthorised Democratic People's Party. The party has fewer than 200 members, many of them student activists and other

young people. Four more people were arrested early on Monday, the general said.

Megawati, whose party is one of only three allowed under Suharto, was questioned by police on Friday and denied knowing anything about an alleged plot. She said she hadn't even heard of Budiman until af-

Buchanan's bow-out gives Dole a boost

RUPERT CORNWELL Escondido, California

Helped by a grudging call for a truce from his longtime foe Pat Buchanan and an inspirational rallying cry from the Re-publican party's new hero Colin Powell. Bob Dole yesterday fi-nally walched his bandwagon start to roll, as the San Diego convention opened its doors for serious business.

Rarely in American political history has such a gathering teen so minutely choreogaphed, and even before it sarted the first signs of the tra-ational convention "bounce" ere already showing - thanks ot least to the candidate's uniersally applauded choice of ack Kemp as his vice-presi-

lential running mate.

Two polls yesterday suggest 'resident Clinton's previous 20-point lead had halved, with or without a run by Texas hillionaire Ross Perot, whose new Reform Party is choosing its first presidential candidate this week. One poll, by CNN/USA Today, found a quarter of all voters "more likely" to support the Republicans now that Mr Kemp had joined the fray, "People are finally starting to pay attention," said Haley Barbour, the Republican party chairman.

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How long the surge lasts is anyone's guess. But from conservitive and liberal Republicans alike the watchword was unity the fractious party being determined to seize full advanage from what amounts to a week-long, free prime-time advirtising slot to sell itself to votrs. Virtually every wrinkle of assent has been ironed out. an now even Mr Buchanan. wh harried Mr Dole throughou the primary campaign, is redy for peace of a sorts.

Vir Buchanan's populist farfemally ended on Sunday eening in Escondido, 30 miles nrth of San Diego, at a gala ral-Mor 1,500 supporters, cheering and chanting in the aditorium of the California Criter for the Arts, ringed by Buchanan party," be said, hail- from Alzheimer's disease.

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police and fenced off like a top security military base. As gay and pro-immigrant

demonstrators staged a noisy rally outside, the commentator and one-time Nixon and Reagan speech-writer made clear he would not break from the Republican party, and asked for a "lemporary truce, a truce of San Diego" to defeat the common enemy of Bill Clinton and

Reform Party enters the fray

Ross Perot and his nominal rival Dick Lamm took turns on Sunday night to shower scorn on the two major parties before a small but enthusiastic gathering of Reform Party volumteers, writes Tim Cornwell in

Longbeach.
About 2,000 people at the Longbeach Convention Centre heard Mr Perot promise a better America and denounce Washington for running up a \$5,000 billion national debt.

Mr Lamm, the former Colurado governor, accused President Clinton of fear-moogering over cuts in medical programmes for the elderly and called Republican Bob Dole's promise of tax cuts "pathetic and embarrassing".

Mr Lamm announced his bid for the presidential nomination six weeks ago, but Mr Perot is considered the favourite.

"Prince Albert" Gore. Tearful, his voice cracking with emotion, Mr Buchanan rint crusade for the nomination told his followers that while they bad lost the battle, they were winning the war. America did not need a third party: "Our ripodium, but before our eyes, the Dublican Darty is Decom

ing the conservative language of the party platform on abortion, immigration and foreign policy, which the 1,990 convention del-

egates approved yesterday.

"The old order is passing away... One day the stone the builders rejected will become the cornerstone," Mr Buchanan insisted to shouts of "Go, Pat, Go" from an audience itching for the year 2000 and a chance to resume the struggle in the next presidential campaign.

But the Buchanan truce stopped far short of an en-dorsement for Mr Dole - indeed he did not even mention the future nominee nr Mr Kemp by name.

Now however the organisers will press on with their choreographed spectacular, the one real distraction being the spat with Pete Wilson, Governor of California and former mayor of San Diego, denied a major speaking appearance because of his backing for abortion rights.

The argument was quickly forgotten as a pantheon of parheroes was rolled out for the first night, in a section designed to highlight "Individual leadership and integrity", led by former Presidents Bush and Ford, and topped by Colin Powell, whose 10-minute address could oot but remind that he might well today be in Mr Dole's place had be not decided against a White House run.

But no night of celebration is complete without a dash of poignancy and nostalgia, and that was provided by the greatest hero of all in modern Re-publicanism - Ronald Reagan. Tax-cotter, supply-sider and in-defatigable optimist, Jack Kemp may be the closest thing to Mr Reagan in today's party, hut for the first time in 20 years the man himself will not

be attending a convention. Last night delegates had to make do with a video and a speech from Nancy Reagan, the penultimate speaker bevals may be waving from the fore Colin Powell, in which she conveyed the greetings of her



Party faithful worship at Emporium

Journalists ehecking in to cov-er the Republican National Convention in San Diego were each pleased to receive, along with their media passes, free commemorative canvas bags embossed with the Republican Party logo, an elephant. But they were baffled to discover that the bags were stuffed full of - not convention documents - but.

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among other things, a box containing 20 small, plastic food "storage bags" manufactured by a company called 'Hefty'; a box of Kraft macaroni and cheese ("boil 11 to 13 minutes, or until tender, stirring occasionally"); a white cotton polo shirt, courtesy of a finance com-pany called Nicholas Applegate Capital Management; a plastic beer mug marked "Budweiser"; a bag of tortilla chips, two small a certificate "entitling the bearer to one free admission to the Ronald Reagan presidential lihrary and museum". Very nice.

but what did it all mean? A clue lay at the Convention Emporium, a carpeted marketplace the size of an indoor football pitch where delegates take breaks between speeches to indulge the all-American ritual of shopping. Observe the Republican faithful jostling for merchandise on the Emporium floor and you will see that while yes, to be sure, they venture on these four-yearly convention pilgrimages to voice their support for the presidential candidate du jour, what drives them deep down is an imperative at once more solemn and more cu-

San Diego Diary

Centre is the delegates' temple. but the Convention Emporium is their shrine. The range of goods available at the stalls, rows upon rows of them, is immense. But the themes are always the same: God, Country and the Grand Old Party. The children's cuddly toys are all ele-phants bedecked in Stars and Stripes: the men's ties, the women's waistcoats, the unisex hats, the babies' bibs - all embroidered in more elephants, more Stars and Stripes; and then there are the Stars and during: to pay homage to the Stripes golf balls, earrings, founfree market and to honour the tain pens. And the watches memory of their patron saint, with carved golden wrist-bands e words "Jesus loves The San Diego Convention you"; the Christian rock band stuff. The manufacturers bave

CD's; the posters of Reagan, a catalogue, And there is plenalongside the posters of John Wayne, at \$12 (£7.75) a piece. ty more anti-Hillary paraphernalia, mostly bumper stickers The Reagan stall is the biggest along the lines of "Don't hlame in the Emporium, selling, apart me. I didn't vote for Hillary". and "I don't trust Presidem Clinton, or her hasband." from the mandatory T-shirts and haseball caps, videos featuring extracts from the actor-presi-

Reclining at the feet of the Queen of Pandemonium is not dent's greatest speeches; Ronald Reagan piggy banks; and Ronald Reagan yo-yo's, only Bill "Clintonocchio" Clinton but that other Democratic fiend, Senator Edward Ken-Those who love Good, the Emporium merchants know, nedy. Two bumper stickers kumdetest Evil. And Evil, if you are pooning the late president's a true Republican, has a face. brother reveal that the Empo-It is the face of a woman whose rium merchants, set as their screaming portrait adorns the sights are on the higher good. middle of a fake three-dollar bill are not beneath stretching the marked "Queer Reserve Note" boundaries of good taste. Here and "the Feminist States of America". Jezebel's name is are a couple of samples: "Teddy, I'm pregnant, but we will cross that bridge and "Vote for Hillary Clinton. A pad of 25 'Hill bills" sells for \$3.50 Ted Kennedy: a blonde in every (£2.25), a case of 3,750, \$262.50 pond". Yes, people do buy the

John Carlin



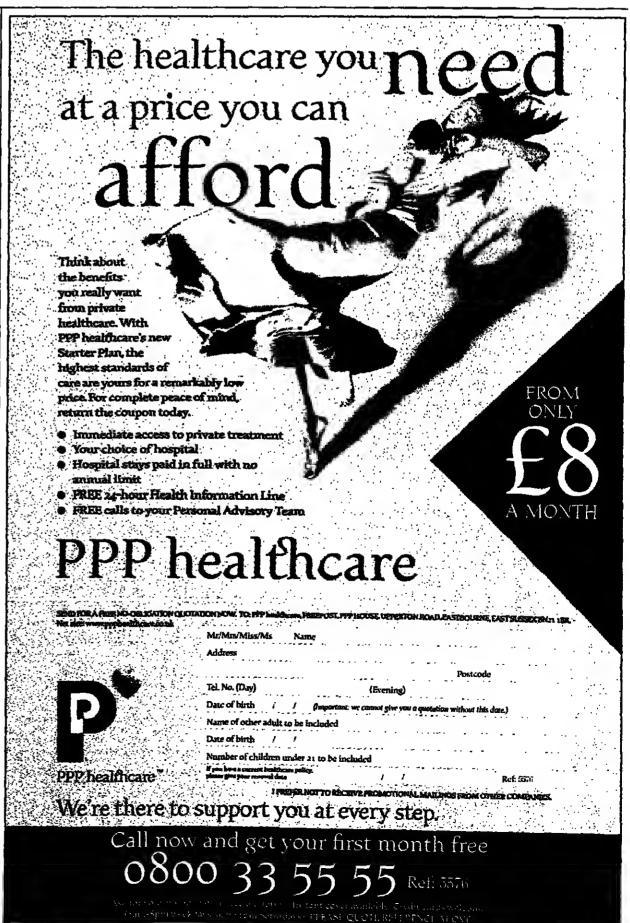
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Rafael Kubelik

Rafael Kuhelik, the Czech conductor, was in every way a hie man: tall and robust in physique, he was the most generous of human beings and he inspired devoted affection among his friends and colleagues.

The son of the violinist Jan Kubelik, he was born in By-thory, in Bohemia, in 1914. As a student at the Prague Conservatoire, he made his début with the Czech Philharmonic at the age of 20, heing appointed its principal conductor in 1936. In this cupacity he appeared in London in 1937 (and Henry Wood noted that he was not yet to be compared with the great Vaclay Talich]. From 1939 to 1941 he was director of the Brno Opera, where he began to explore Janacek and where he pioneered Berlioz's Les Trovens - an amazingly original

undertaking.

He then returned to the Czech Philharmonic, with whom he made such a reputation that in 1946 he was a guest with the BBC Symphony Orchestra - at the People's Palace (where Janacek's Sinfonietta had to be replaced with Dvorak's 7th Symphony because the BBC bad not hudgeted for the extra trumpets) and in the studio. An internal BBC memo noted that he only needed "a little more poise" to establish himself as an international star.

In 1948 Czechoslovakia turned Communist and Kubelik left, taking up residence in London. This was convenient hecause Glyndebourne had invited him to conduct Don Giovanui at the Edinhurgh Festival that summer. (He was the first Glyndehourne conductor to use a harosichord as continuo. Fritz Busch having always preferred the piano.) The performance, made unforgettable by Ljuba Welitsch's riveting Donna Anna, was richly romantic and it so greatly enhanced Kubelik's reputation that, next year, he was approached as a possible successor to Adrian Boull - who was to be retired at 60 - with the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

A rival offer from the Chicago Symphony, however (and his wife's preference for the United States to England), took him to Chicago, where he was musical director for three seasons, 1950-53. Though he premiered Roy Harris's 7th Symphony among other works, his repertoire was thought to be unduly narrow – and be perhaps lacked the "hrilliance" by which that orchestra liked to identify itself.

The next landmark in his ca-

Wells, when be revived Katya Kabanova, which Charles Maekerras had introduced three years earlier. The revival was a triumph and it was no doubt the main reason why, a year later, he was appointed musical director at Coveni Garden. At the Royal Opera House an

introductory Banered Bride (1955) led to Ouello the same year, Jenufa (1956) and The Trojans - which John Gielgud directed - in 1957, when he also appeared with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Edinburgh Festival. But the Covent Garden years were not to be happy ones. Fiercely loval to the principle of "opera in Eng-lish", to the native singers in his company and in the idea of a national ensemble, Kuhelik was unwillingly involved in operatic politics. Attacked by, among others. Thomas Beecham, he characteristically and unwisely offered to resign (in a letter to the Times) "since I do not want to be in the way as a foreigner". His resignation was rejected, but a disappointing Mastersingers (a work he was gloriously to record in Munich in 1967) set the seal upon his future and he left Covent Garden in 1958.

George Harewood, then working at the Opera House, wrote of "his ability to give unstintingly to colleagues, company, audience and above all to the music and spoke of Kubelik's three years there as "the best of my life".

Between 1958 and 1961, when he was appointed to the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Kubelik was a guest with many great orchestras, the Vienna and Israel Philharmonic among them. In Munich, Die Meistersinger apart, he recorded a complete Mahler cycle and worked often with Fischer-Dieskau – in Mahler songs, Franck's Les Bentitudes and Dehussy's *Pelleus*. Together, too, they went to Milan to record *Rigoletto*. Elsewhere, as a guest, he offered Dvorak, whose complete symphonies he recorded with the Berlin Philharmonic, Smelana and Janacek, as well as the Schumann symphonies. Hindemith. Schoenberg (the concertos). Bartok and some Britten.

In 1971, Goran Gentele, Rudoll' Bing's successor at the Metropoliian Opera, New York, invited Kubelik to become its first musical director. The two men had a similar vision of wbat could be done at the Met and Kubelik, perhaps anticipating a more sympathetic - and ed the Otto Klemperer were a devoted couple. less senophobic - attitude from Memorial Concert at the Roythe press than he had encoun- at Albert Hall in January 1974



Kubelik: a man of shining musical and personal integrity

cepted the invitation, though Festival, conducting his own Se-Klemperer, whom he had consulted in Switzerland (where both now lived), advised against, But Gentele was killed in a car crash in Sardinia in July 1972, a few weeks before their first season was due to open. So the partnership was dissolved and Kubelik, though he was to guest at the Mct, returned to Europe. Walter Legge, on hearing of

his appointment, had written that "mucb as I like Kubelik, I doubt if he knows his way about the repertoire ... or has a firm enough way with him to get the desired and necessary results" - a judgement characteristically negative but not without a grain of truth.

From 1972 Kubelik's career began to fade, though be worked here and there as a distinguished guest. He conductreer came in 1954, at Sadler's tered at Covent Garden, ac- and be appeared at the Lucerne given at Brno in 1947, and Cor- 1996.

quenzen, the following year. At the Prague Spring in 1990 he returned to his own country. conducting an unforgettable performance of Smetana's thava at the opening concert of the festival, an occasion celehrating the collapse of the So-viet Union's hegemony over Eastern Europe. Thereafter he visited Prague from time to time, but only as a listener, for he was beginning to be ill and, for the sake of a warm climate, was spending some of his time

in Florida. Kubelik was twice married, first to the violinist Ludmila Bertlova, then in 1963 to the Australian soprane Elsie Morison, a member of the Covent Garden company during his regime there, who bad sung for Glyndebourne at the Edinhurgh Festival in 1953. They

Rafael Kubelik was the composer of two operas - Veronika Lucerne, Switzerland 11 August lasi surviving officer of the ill-fated 6th Battalion Royal Marines Light Infantry. He died nine months short of his 100th hirthday.

The 6th Battalion was formed in 1919 to carry out ceremonial duties during the plehiscite being held in Schleswig-Holstein: their main task being to man the polling booths. Before boarding the troopship Czar they were informed of a change of plan. They were now to sail to north Russia to bolster the forces covering the evacuation of British troops from the area.

Morale sank, for many of the men had served in the First World War and did not now want to lose their lives fighting in Russia in circumstances of which they knew or cared little. The battalion also contained a number of very raw recruits and prisoners of war who had only recently returned from Germany and had had no leave.

On arriving at Murmansk, they were ordered to man outposts close to Lake Onega. Smith-Hill's company arrived at Kapaselga to hear that the previous night the Portsmouth Company had unsuccessfully attacked the village of Koikori and lost three men and 18 wounded. After a week's preparation his company was ordered to form the first wave of an attack on the same village.

His company was led into the attack by a Russian guide who betrayed them and left them in a vulnerable position before disappearing. The Bolshevik forces' machine-guns caused a number of casualties, especialamong the senior officers. two hours later, now in charge of his company, Smith-Hill was ordered to retire.

The next morning, faced with the prospect of another attack on the village, the men of Smith-Hill's company refused to obey orders from the platoon commanders and removed themselves to a nearby friendly village, Smith-Hill pursued them. On finding them, he ordered them to fall in and told them they would all be courtmartialled. In fact, 93 men from tbe hattalion were tried hy Field General Court Martial

Brigadier Roy Smith-Hill was not only the oldest surviving Royal Marine officer, but the tial sentences of hard labour.

Brigadier Roy Smith-Hill

One of the accused, who had been wounded in the attack. did not undergo court-martial until his return to Chatham. where he was found not guilty This threw doubt on the validity of the Field General Court Martial. In December 1919. the Government, under pressure from several MPs, revoked the sentence of death and considerably reduced the sentence of all the men.

Smith-Hill's commanding officer informed him that as an officer he had incurred their Lordships' displeasure - i.e. the Lords of the Admiralty. He asked to be court-martialled, but this was refused. However, a brigade major told him later that it was not a bad thing hur a young officer to he the object of their Lordships displeasure. because it would get him recognised. Indeed it did. for Smith-Hill left the Royal Marines 35 years later with the rank of hrigadier and appointment as

Roy Smith-Hill was born in Aspatria, Cumberland, where his father was the principal of the local agricultural college. He was educated at St Bees and joined the Royal Marines in 1915. During the First World War he served as a gunnery officer with the Grand Fleet aboard HMS l'anguard and HMS Erm. In 1922, when events became rather hot in Turkey, he was serving in a light cruiser (HMS Carysfort) in the Eastern Mediterraneau. He kept watch on the bridge at sea. which was unusual for a Royal Marine officer. He then served two years with HMS Hood as Captain of Marines.

After Staff College in 1935 he was seconded to the Army for four years at HQ Southern Command as Brigade Major of the Devon and Cornwall Light Infantry Brigade (TA). When war broke out, his first-hand experience of both the Army and ibe Navy in war and peace was put to good use and he served on both Army and Navy staffs. He was GOS1 to the Army Commander, Major-General N.M.S. Irwin, during the abortive attack on Dakar in Sep-tember 1940 and later, as GSO of the Royal Marine Division. Carlisle 4 August 1980.



Smith-Hitt: good-humour

For the attack on Algiers, he was Staff Officer of Assemb Planning to the Naval Commander and liaison officer between the naval and military forces for the attack on Sicily in July 1943

Before and after D-Day be was on the staff of the Ducctor of Combined Operations at the Admiralty. After the war, he commanded the Infantry Traning Centre at Lympstone, then hecame Commandant of the Royal Marines School d Music. He retired in 1980, After retirement he returned

to his old home in Braithwait, Cumberland, where for for years he was the County Carly Cummander, In 1954 he was af pointed Deputy Lieutenant of Cumberland, a position he held until the counties of Westmor land and Cumberland cour, bined to become Cumbria From 1957 to 1963 he served as Area Civil Delence Officer u

West Cumberland. Smith-Hill was active in the local community, as charchwarden and President of the Braithwaite Cricket Club, Lie in dulged his interest in woodwork. and was a burn storyteller and reciter at narrative poems. One way or another, by tellingpeople or by charming these, he managed to get things fone Until the end he retained his wry good-humour.

In his lest few mouths, he would often recall Rasian

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Philip Revol Sonkin-Hill, sedier: born Aspatria, Curuberlard 5 May 1897; CHE 1946; marked May 1897; Cris. Sybil Kuight (died 1974; wo Londings). Jed sons, two daughters),

Anne Kristen

Playing the receptionist Norma Sullivan in Casualty, the Scotlish actress Anne Kristen anpeared in the BBC television medical drama at the height of its popularity. She hased the character on a dragon she had once come across in a doctor's

surgery.

So convincing was her por-trayal that she had to put up with hostility from real-life hospital workers and, on arriving at Bristol Royal Infirmary's accident and emergency ward after hurting her hand when she fell over in the street, was lold: "You're talking to a real receptionist now! Kristen, born in Glasgow in

1937, was set on a career in acting after appearing in a primary school nativity play. She trained at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and went on to perform for sevend seasons with the Citizens' Theatre, Glasgow, playing the title-role in St Joan, Lady Macboth in Macboth. Beatrice in Much Ado About Nothing and Eliza in Pygnalion. South of the border, she appeared in pro-



ductions at the Nottingham Playhouse, the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, the Greenwich Theatre and the Mermaid Theatre, in the West End of London. She acted Anne Puttnam in The Crucible at both the National Theatre and the Comedy Theatre.

But it was in her native Scotland that Kristen was most revered. She worked frequently with the Scottish Theatre Company, playing Mrs Barrie in Mr Barrie. Verity in The Thrie Estaitis, Elaina in Commedia and Mrs Gillie in Mr Gillie, and took the role of Agrafena in A Family Affair, at the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh. Kristen appeared in many

television productions hut, like

many Scottish actors and actresses, was particularly in de-mand when BBC Scotland or Scottish Television were making dramas for national screening. She was in two series of Wings (starring Tim Woodward, 1977-78). King's Royal (as the mother-in-law of Tom Bell. 1982] and acted Mrs Wickett in the BBC's production of Goodbye Mr Chips (1984), a six-part Sunday-afternoon serial hased on James Hilton's short novel of 1934 and starring Roy Marsden as the gentle old schoolmaster Mr Chipping. She played the MP wife of Mark McManus in a Scottish

Television play called Two Per Cent (1982), before taking two roles alongside him in Taggart (1986, 1994), including one of the last episodes recorded hefore his death, in which she acted one of a group of authors

1756; Queeo Adelaide, consort of William IV, 1792; Sir George Grove,

engineer and editor. Dictiorary of

then murdered, with suspicion falling on the others.

Kristen stayed with Casualty for three series (1991-93), getting grumpier by the week as Norma Sullivan hid from her colleagues the fact that at home she was caring for a mother with Alzheimer's disease. Her character eventually became the victim of a difficult menopause. The actress was also in the le-

gal drama Advocates (1992) and in The Tales of Para Handy (1994). Her appearance in an episode of Doctor Finlay (1994) hrought together four of the grandes dames of Scottish theatre - Annette Crosbie, Edith Macarthur, Eileen Mc-Cattum and Kristen herself. The storvline also attracted exceptional attention because her character, Rachel Grant, was battling to get away from an asylum she had been committed to by her father almost 40 years earlier after giving hirth to an illegitimate baby.

Kristen was in the films

nominated for a prize but Living Apart Together (1983, pipped to it by a writer who was starring the musician B.A. Robertson) and Silent Scream (1989, featuring lain Glenn). She was last seen on screen as Miss Meiklejohn in an episode of the Scottish Highlands police drama Humish Macbeth (1996), the BBC's

Photograph: Cive Barda / PAL

nelia Faroli, heard at Augsburg

in 1972 - three requiems, var-

ious concertos and a choral

symphony. But he will be chiefly

remembered as a magnificent

interpreter of Dvorak, Smetana,

Janacek and Martinu, and of

late Romantie music - Wagner

and Mahler in particular, He

was a man of shining musical

and personal integrity, perhaps

ill-equipped for the cut-and-

thrust of musical politics. He

tended to wear his heart on his

sleeve and was all the more

charitable man then Walter

Legge) wrote of Kuhelik,

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Rafael Jeronym Kubelik, con-

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answer to Heartheat. Her final television appearance, in the BBC's Screen One drama Truth or Dare, will be screened in September. She plays Mrs Hugili, who consults a solicitor (played by the Cardiac Arrest star Helen Baxendale) when she finds out that her husband - about to be called to the Bar and not wanting adverse publicity - is having an affair with a younger woman. Kristen herself was divorced from the Scottish television and film actor Iain Cuthbertson.

Anthony Hayward Anne Kristen, actress: born Glasgow 7 March 1937; married 1964 lain Cuthbertson (marriage dissolved); died Leith,

Lothian 7 August 1996.

Professor M. L. Rosenthal When some 20 of us piled intn career and remained Professor a tiny hot room in the abbey of of English at New York Uni-

the Dordogne Iown of Bran-France and the good life to be had in the appreciation of lilerary culture, we were not to know that this was his swansong to the International Ezra Pound Conference, of which Mack, as we all called him, had been a loyal and enthusiastic supporter ever since T.C. Terrell (Or-ono, Maine) and Philip Grover (Sheffield) had brought it to life

in the mid-Seventies. The New York Times very aptly headlined his obituary: "M.L. Rosenthal, Who Champinned Poetry, Dies at 79". Indeed, he was just as much an unwavering lover of world literature as the subject of his swansong to the Pound Conference, Like Ford, Rosenthal constantly advocated that literature, and above all poetry, mattered in everyone's life. Although he had a distinguished academic



versity until the age of 70, he was to appreciate unity and cohetome last summer to listen to less at home with academics enve in Walt Whitman, ad M.L. Rosenthal's paper on Pro- than with fellow poets, whom he among the Modernists, even 3 vence, Ford Madox Ford's mis-sought out all over the world. Ezra Found. Unlike other Jew, cellany in praise of southern not least in the British Isles.

Seeking and selecting true poets and truly live poetry was Rosenthal's primary mission. Hence, especially at the beginning of his publishing career, a large part of his time was given over to the making of poetry antbologies and to the writing of poetry for a succession of American magazines (the Nation, the Humanist and Present Tense). His books of criticism were simply the second stage. Having established his canon, he now supplied "how to read" guides, in which attention was drawn not so much to sources and background, but to what actually happens in the po-etry. Though Seamus Heaney has amply recognised Rosenthal's merits as authoritative guide, evaluator and sum-

table that his books have so far had little circulation in England. Though he was not an anthologised poet, Rosenthal's poetry has received high praise from fellow poets as a direct expression of human passions. His verse is, as Ezra Pound wanted it, "language charged

mariser of poetry, it is regret-

with emotion". This lyric intensity kept him from growing old. As the advocate of the poetic sequence, about which he and his coauthor Sally M. Gall wrote a 500-page study (The Modern Poenc Sequence, 1983), he had no difficulty in regarding individ-ual lyrics as huilding blocks of a boundless larger whole. Its this that made it easy for ba-Rosenthal was not prevented by Pound's anti-Semitism trot appreciating the poetic genut of The Cantos. However, 19 Rosenthal il miglior fabbro wa W.B. Years.

The fruits of Rosenthal's life long preoccupation with the Irish poet are gathered in wha was to be his last volume of crit; ical commentary, called after one of Yeats's poems. Running to Paradise (1994). It is dedicated to the memory of his son David, also a poet, and a translalor of Catalan literature. whose death of cancer at the age; of 46 was the greatest blow the Rosenthal family had to hear.

We Poundians shall never forget Mack Rosenthal's marvellously poetic sing-song voice, his modesty and graciousness, and I shall never forget the look of his study where books of poctry filled every available space. There, in the idyllic little house in Suffern. New York State, in the company of his equally charming wife Vicky, Mack lived an exemplary literary existence.

Walter Baumann

Macha Louis Rosenthal, poet, critic and teacher: born Washington DC 14 March 1917; Professor of English, New York University 1961-86, Director, Poetics Institute 1977-79; married 1939 l'icioria Himmelstein (oue son, one daughter, and one son deceased); died Suffern, New York 21 July 1996.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

Offitte: Brain C.V. (CBE), Died peace fully on 7 August 1990, at age 91. Low-agts remembered by wife Phyllis, foor grandchildren and two great grand-

IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD: Encid, died very speddenly en 15 August 1905, aged 45 years. Gricconde missed by all your friends. You will always remain deep in our hearts. All our loce, Mom and Dad.

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Changing of the Guard The House hold Carolis Mounted Regiment pounds the Outer's life Guard at Horse Guards.

Birthdays

Miss Sheila Armstroog, soprano, 54, Mr John Beal, actor, 87; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beavis, former Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Central Europe, 67: Dr Fi-del Castro, President of Cuba, 69: The Rev Leo Chamberlain, Headmaster, Ampleforth College, Sq. Mr. Roy Evans, trade union leader, 65: Miss Marie Helvio, model, 44; Mr Ben Hogan, golfer, \$4; Mrs Madhur Jaffrey, actress and cookers writer. 63: Miss Susan Jameson, actress, 53; Sir Thomas Legg QC Permanent Secretary, Lord Chamberlain's De-partment, 61; Lord Oram, former MP, 83: Mr Mark Pyper, Headmaster. Gordonstoun School, 49; Mr Gene Raymond, actor, 88; Lord Sainsbury, joint president, J. Sains-bury plc, 94; Dr Frederick Sanger. biochemist, 78; Mr Alan Shearer, footballer, 26; Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, 78; Mr Timothy Wood MP, Compiroller of the Household, 56.

Anniversaries

Births: Erasmus Bartholin, physicist. 1625; James Gillray, caricaturist.

Music and Musicians, 1830; William Thomas Best, organist and composer, 1826; Robert Hausmann, cellist, 1852: Annic Oakley (Phoebe Anne Oakley Mozee (Moses)), crack shot, t860; Sir William Alexander Craigie, lexicographer, 1867; John Nicholson Ireland, composer, 1879; John Logie Baird, television pioocer, 1888; Christopher Richard Wynne Nevinson, painter, 1889; Jean-Robert Borotra, tennis player, 1898;Alfred loseph Hitchcock, film director, 1899: Felix Wankel, engineer, 1902: Sir Basil Urwin Speece, architect, 1907: Archbishop Makarios III (Michael Christodolou Mouskos), president of Cyprus, 1913. Deaths: Gerard David [Gheeraeri Davit), painter, 1523: Jeremy Taylor, theologian, 1667; Acisclo Antonio Palomino de Castro y Velasco, painter and art historian, 1726; René-Theophile Hyacinthe Laennec, physician and inventor of the stethoscope, 1826; Sir Martin Archer Shee. portrait painter, 1850; Ferdinand-Vioior Eugène Delacroix painter, 1865: Edward John Trelawny, traveller and author, 1881; Sir John Everell

Teresa Craigie | "John Oliver Hobbs"), novelist and playwright. 1906; Florence Nightingale, nursing pioneer, 1910; Jules-Emile Frédéric Massenet, composer, 1912; Walter Runciman, first Baroo Runciman, shipowner, 1937; Herbert George Wells, novelist, 1946; Henry Williamson, novelist, 1977. On this day: Cortes, leading his Spanish troops, took Tenochutlan (Mexico City), t521: the French armies were defeated at Blenheim by the Austrians and English, 1704; Cape of Good Hope Province was ceded to Britain by the Dutch, and it became a British Colony, 1814; Dr Leichhardt and his party set out to explore the and his party set out to explore the area between Moreton Bay and Port Essingtoo, Australia, 1844; earth-quakes in Peru and Ecuador de-stroped four cities and killed over 25,000 people, 1868; Manila in the Philippines was captured by US forces, 1898: Musiapha Kemal (Ataturk) was elected president of Turkey, 1923; over 13,000 people died in floods in the Honan, Hunan and

Kwantung areas of China, 1924; the Central African Republic became in-

dependent, 1960; the frontier be-

Millais, painter, 1896; Domenico Morelli, painter, 1901; Pearl Mary tween East and West Germany was closed after the East Germans sealed the border, 1961; the last hangings in Britain took place when two me were executed for murder at Liverpool and Manchester, 1964; the last US troops left Vietnam, 1972. Today is the Feast Day of St Benjidus, St Cassian of Imola, St Hippolytus of Rome, \$1 Maximus the Confessor, \$1 Narses Klaietus, St Pontian, pope, St Radegund, queen, St Simplician of

Lectures

National Gallery: Kathleen Adler. Fair Game (ü): bulllighting, Goya Manet and Picasso". 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Frances Musker. Fashionable Dress

1770-1860", 230pm. Tate Gallery: Sarah Greeoberg. "Turner's Classical Laodscapes",

British Museum: Edwin Morgan "The Quest for Gilgamesh", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery (guided tout): "The Creative Spirit: por traits of writers, artists and scientists

Church appointments

The Very Rev Wesley Carr, Dean of Bristol, to be Dean of Westminster succeeding the Very Rev Michael Mayne, who retires in December. The Rev Alison Boever, Assistant Curate, Clurist Church and St Mark's, Watford [St Al-hans): to be Vicar, St Catherine of Siena, Tile-

hans; to be very a Caperine of chains in-hursi (Oxford).

The Rev David Burrell, Priest-in-charge, Hanghley with Wetherden and Stownpland: to be Priest-in-charge, Culford, West Stow and Wordwell, Flempton with Hengrare and Lackford and the Ruminans and Turworth (Se

Lacking and the Fornitzms and Impoorth (St Edmundsbury and (ppoich). The Rev Stuart Carter, Assistant Curate, St Luke, Barmingham; to be Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Cunton (Birmingham). The Rev It Joseph Cassidy, formerly senior lecturer in ethan and theology; to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Salisbury St Martin and Legistics (Salisbury St Martin and Liverstock (Salisbury).
The Rev Christopher Chapman, Press-or-

the Rev Christophar Chapman, Theorem charge, Loddon, Sisland with Hales and Heckinghom, and Rural Dean of Loddon (Norwich); to be also an Honorary Carion of (Norwich): to be also an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral.

The Rev Janet Collins, Ram Vicar, Witney Jean Muistry: to be Staff Jutor, St Albans and Oxford Ministry Eourse (Oxford).

The Rev Louise Cooper, Curate, Doucot (Liverpool): to be Assistant Chapkan to HM Young Offenders Centre, Glen Parva (Leicester).

The Rev Richard Goodband, Priss, in-charge, Clarborough with Hayton / Southwell): now Assistant Chaplain (part-time) at HM Prison.

Ranty.
The Rev Stephen Griffiths, Assistant Curate, Glascote and Stonydelph (Lichfield); to be Priest-m-charge, St Paul, Stratford, and Area Youth Officer (Chelmsford).
The Rev Continu Heben, Curate, deaners of Toyochyn i Bangor, Church in Wales) to be Curate, Si Mary, Knightun (Leiceset).
The Rev Jonathan Herbert, Team Vicar, Blakenball Heath Team Mimistry (Lichfield); to be Community Member, Pilsdon Community (Salisbury). io be Community Member, Pilsdon Commu-nity (Salishury).

The Rev Erie Heschword, Vicar, St Mark, Big-gat Hill: to be Vicar, All Saints, Orpungton (Rochester).

The Rev Sebastian Jones, Vicar, South Asers, All Souls: to be also Rural Dean of Uracknell The Rev Trevor Jones, Assistant Cutaba-

widord (Cheinsdord), in be Vicar, Si Peter and St Mary, Stawmarket 1St Ednumdsbure and Ipswich).
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Attenborough (Southwell): to be Vicar, St. Pancras Penniseross, Plymouth (Exiter).
The Rev John Potter, Vicar, Swindon NewToon Team Ministry (Broad), to be Vicar, Mulber, Newton Abbot (Exiter)
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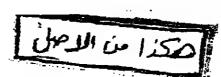
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the leader page Persuasion: a devil of a challenge for both parties

Tho do the Tories think Tony Blair is? From Bambi, the V ineffectual and over-nice leader of an unreconstructed party, he metamorphosed into Stalin, the dictatorial and arbitrary dictator of a cowed membership, and has now become Randall Flagg Blair, the red-eyed Stephen King-type horror depicted in the latest "New Labour, New Danger"

Cue horror and anger. The Bishop of Oxford has attacked such vilification, particularly where it "draws on satanic imagery". And Peter Mandelson, sensitive and retiring campaign manager for Labour, writing in yesterday's London Evening Standard, described the poster as a "new low in propaganda ... [which] will disgust everyone ... a crass, clumsy move". Mr Mandelson believes that the message will backfire because Tony Blair is a practising Christian, and by any standard a man of decency and integrity". Mr Mandelson is clearly right about Mr Blair's character, though he should remember (our tongue is a little in cheek, bere) that the Spanish Inquisition was entirely run by practising Christians.

Mr Mandelson's protestations that such negative campaigning will backfire upon the Conservatives are tinged by more than a little nervousness. Having failed in its attempts to suggest that

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Sir: What a relief to see Charles Arthur spoil the sport of those Martian enthusiasts ("Let the Martians come to us", 9 August).

I am an astronomer, and while my kind may enjoy greater public

appeal than most other scientists

swamp, I find myself furtively

struggling for rat feed and

on Mars, this discovery is as

Pyrex flask.

avoiding those colleagues across the road in life sciences who are

wretched for a week if they crack a

paint us all as rabid alien-hunting trekkies: if there really are fossils

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Arthur for bringing us humbly back

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Martian fossils. There is plenty of

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that nice Martian money) even if it

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principles. Evolution has no

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success in the generation game.

Human self-awareness and ability

to communicate arose very recently

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may be a short-term aberration,

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exists elsewhere in the Universe,

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Sir: Patrick Moore suggests (9

proof" that the Stanford meteorite

He doesn't seem to dispute in

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JUSTINE KELLER

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on Mars?

Mr Blair is old Labour in disguise, Tory Central Office is clearly enjoying more success io its contention that much of the danger of new Labour lies precisely in its newness. Who knows, it seems to ask, exactly where new Labour will take us? The poster itself is merely a way of exploiting the Clare Short debacle, while reminding the nation of the central anti-Labour theme of Conservative propaganda.

It is certainly the case that the speed of Conservative reaction to the Short interview marks the fact that we are now - semi-officially - living through an election campaign. It has begun, and nothing that happens will be judged by political commentators and politicians on any merits except whether or not it gains votes. But the Blair poster also raises the question of what kind of campaign it will be. Should the rest of us be as worried by it as the Bishop and Mr Mandelson are? Does this poster indeed mark the beginning of a prolonged and unprecedented nastiness, as some have begun to fear? And is it possible for a Britisb election to be won or lost on the basis of wholly artificial fears, created with the same attention to real events as the average low-budget rented video?

If one steps back and takes a cool look at the Blair poster, it is hard to see why this is any more objectionable



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in principle than, say, an advertisement containing an entirely fictitious assertion about the tax implications of Labour policy.

The recent Tory party election broadcast likewise contained a statement about Labour policy on the treatment of criminals that was a straightforward and blatant untruth. In its distancing from any kind of factual argument the red-eye poster was, if anything, less offensive - it is not a lie, but an interesting joke. We surely need to be much more worried about the parties telling barefaced fibs about each other.

Moreover, propaganda must strike a chord if it is to succeed. It is completely fair for the Tories to suggest that an incoming and inexperienced Labour administration might cause damage to the perfectly united nation and roaring economy that Conservatives have striven so bard over 17 years to construct, just as it is for Blair's party to capitalise on an almost terminal weariness with the exhausted husks who currently occupy the corridors of power. What is unlikely to work is a campaign that runs contrary to the electorate's perception. Mr Blair is an improbable

Beelzebub, as - for different reasons is Mr Major.

So here is the real challenge for both of the two largest parties: Labour must explain to us how its new policies will work, simultaneously reassuring us and enthusing us - no mean feat. For their part the Conservatives must persuade us that there is a real reason why they should be given yet another term in office. And it must be said that, of the two tasks. Labour's is marginally the easier - only marginally, mind. As yet we know far more about what Labour plans to do in office, than we have been told about what will bappen in a fifth successive Tory administration.

This is no accident. For all its confusions, Labour has broadly decided what kind of party it wants to be though it hasn't fully grasped the implications of its own journey, and much ean still go wrong. The Tories, however, stand on the threshold of their own ideological upheaval. A substantial and dynamic section of the party wants a thoroughgoing renewal of message and mission, but feel that such a change cannot easily be accomplished while still clinging to the reins of government. It has become very bard for Mr Major to propose great radical acts of government which satisfy all parts of his party, but almost as impossible for

him to settle back on a "safety first" strategy. And that is why, though we can expect, for the moment, an unusually literal representation of the old adage "better the devil you know", the dehate will shift soon enough onto wbetber or not you can trust Labour, or whether you can bear another bout of new Toryism. It may well be that posters from either side will play only a very small role in making up our minds on those questions.

A paper in the ethical mire

There are circumstances in which a perfectly straightforward, up front, nothing-to-conceal, nothing immoral or untoward purchase of a newspaper story is just fine, and not under any circumstances to be condemned. Sadly for the News of the World, and its fascinating Mandy Allwood scoop, storybuying is rarely so clean and simple. In this case, whatever else we may think, the paper has got itself embroiled in an ethical mess. Whatever Ms Allwood decides to do now, the NoW will be tainted by the decision, unless it gets

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



'Darling, I'm pregnant. We're going to have a publicist'

principle that it might contain signs of very primitive life. So wouldn't it be even more exciting if it came from somewhere further afield? The only disappointment might

he proof that the meteorite was blasted off from Earth 16 million Sir: If confirmed, the findings by Nasa, reporting fossilised life in the years ago, wandered around the Martian meteorite, would provide universe for a while, and then came back, like a boomerang, to Antarctica, 13,000 years ago Professor GEOFFREY BROADBENT may well have arisen wherever the Southsea, more interesting if the morphology

Sexual rednecks of Europe

Sir: So "the army's position on gender is perfectly PC, moving happily with the times?" (Magazine 10 August). Try telling that to gay and lesbian service personnel abused and hounded from their careers by cowards and higots they thought were comrades-in-arms.

Britain is, sexually, still Europe's Deep South. And just as the US Supreme Court imposed civil rights on southern rednecks, so hopefully the European Court will demand that our soldiers be judged on their conduct in battle, not bed. JAMES SCOTT Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire

Gun control

Sir: Under normal circumstances the professional users of firearms, servicemen, are never allowed to take their personal weapons home.
Why should members of gun clubs?
Colonel MICHAEL BADGER Runctory Hest Sussex

moral dilemmas

Sir: The heated rhetorie of Vatican officials about the destruction of frozen pre-embryos in Britain provides an interesting contrast with the cool acceptance of Cardinal Basil Hume. While Vatican officials deem the event a "prenatal massacre" and call on married women to "adopt" the orphan embryos, Hume is prepared to settle for a decent burial.

Perhaps Hume understands the complexity and pitfalls inherent in the Vatican's approach to the subject of frozen pre-emhryos perhaps he understands better than the Vatican that the history of church teaching on the status of the early embryo speaks against elaiming "personhood" for such undifferentiated early life. St Augustine said that "unformed

foetuses perish like seeds which have not fructified", clearly seeing actual human life beginning at some point after the foetus has begun to grow. This ambiguity continues to modern times - the Vatican's 1974 Declaration on Procured Abortion specifically leaves aside the question of the moment when the spiritual soul is infused". It is for this reason that funerals for spontaneously aborted or miscarried foetuses are not routine in the church. As recently as 20 years ago priests and health care personnel were prohibited by church directives from baptising miscarried or aborted fetuses in the early stages of pregnancies. Last nites are not administered.

In natural reproduction, there are thousands of emhryos that are spontaneously aborted every day. One cannot help but wonder why church officials and anti-abortion groups are not lobbying for a research programme that would prevent such tragedies. The magnitude of such loss of life in their terms is far greater than any deadly disease we have faced from polio to Aids.

Perhaps Cardinal Hume sees another problem with the Vatican approach. He knows that the church to date has forbidden artificial insemination with donated sperm, much less embryo transfer for married infertile couples. Arguing that embryo transfer and surrogacy is a lesser evil than destroying a pre-embryo, the Cardinal may reason, is the first step down a slippery slope in which contraceptives are seen as the lesser of two evils if they would prevent abortions; likewise the use of condoms to prevent the transmission of HIV. Fortunately, most Catholics already understand and accept these options. FRANCES KISSLING Catholics for a Free Choice

Washington DC Sir: My husband's identical twin died at birth. Some years ago I asked him whether he had ever felt

the loss, and he said it had never bothered him at all. I have known a number of other surviving twins with similar reactions, who show no sign of emotional damage. Before we start assuring the sad mother who chose to abort a twin

that the survivor will inevitably be raumatised, we need better data. Anecdotal evidence, however poignant, is not enough. Only a study of surviving twins compared with other children could provide answers as to what extent and to what degree the problem may exist. JEAN ROBINSON Oxford

Sir: It is alarming that an organisation, with no knowledge of a woman's mental or physical health, was able to obtain an immediate injunction to delay or prevent legal medical treatment which bad been agreed between the woman and ber doctor ("Prolife crusade is terminated", 7 August). There should be a legal

inquiry as to how this came about. A pregnant woman faced with such an action would first have to find legal aid or substantial funds to fight it, and then engage in legal action, thereby revealing her name and details of her case. If she won, she would then face a more traumatic and dangerous abortion, since the pregnancy would be further advanced. BEVERLEY A LAWRENCE BEECH

Honorary Chair Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services Iver, Buckinghamshire

Sir: I agree with Dr Kate O'Kelly (letters, 12 August) about the desirability of making adoption a more attractive choice for women with unwanted pregnancies. Unfortunately, for many such women, from 14-year-old schoolgirls to women who already

Chechen hopes

LINDA M COCKSHAW

has the choice.

Britham, Devon

have children, the attraction of abortion is that, whatever the

becomes to outward appearances as if it had never existed. The schoolgirl can continue her studies

virtually uninterrupted, and the

mother does not have to explain to

her children why she is giving away their new sibling. IANE NEWMAN

Sir. I agree with Eric Stockton

(letter, 10 August) that every woma should ask herself two questions.

These questions should, however, be: "do I want a child?" and "have I

reasonable prospects of giving any child a fair chance in life?" If the

honest answer to either of these

questions is in the negative then the

measures to prevent pregnancy. This

woman has a moral obligation to

is the point at which every woman

avoid sexual intercourse, or take

private emotional pain

experienced, the pregnancy

Sir: Thank you for your editorial (10 August), in particular for your recognition that the responsibility for the war in Chechnya lies with the Kremlin and that the truce was, sadly, only electioneering, as many, including myself, said repeatedly at the outset. Your call for peace negotiations and a political

settlement is the only way forward.

I hope that President Yeltsin reads your newspaper. CHARLES TCHKOTOUA Ambassador at Large to the EEC Chechen Republic London SW3

Ending the Post Office monopoly

Sir: The suspension of the Post Office's monopoly on letter delivery is a crude, politically motivated act ("Couriers' chance to play postman", 7 August.), hut it exposes the fundamental competitive pressures the Royal Mail is facing. In particular the expansion of fax and e-mail is providing a choice of communication channels that benefits the consumer in the long

Private sector firms do not have the infrastructure of the Royal Mail to provide a comprehensive national letter delivery service at the current market price. A onemonth suspension of monopoly status is ridiculously short given the sunk costs that TNT, DHL and others would have to invest m providing effective competition. Nonetheless there is scope for local delivery at a much lower unit cost mour major towns and cities. Private firms can create their own network of collection points much in the same way that Camelot has built up thousands of lottery terminals. It would not take long for users to become familiar with a range of competitive "service-providers" offering rapid letter delivery services within their area.

Ignoring the vindictive politics of the current dispute, the Government should permit a "market test" for private firms to provide delivery services over a two-year period. The £1 minimum threshold should be removed to let local consumers decide who they want to deliver their local mail. Prices would fall in urban areas (to a level much closer to the marginal cost of each letter delivered) whilst the Government could provide an explicit subsidy for those firms committed to maintaining, and improving, services to rural areas. Newcastle upon Trne

Judges step in where MPs fail

Sir: Few could argue with the central point of Lindsay Farmer's article ("Now judges speak out, but should we listen?", 7 August); that this country needs a formal written constitution together with a Bill of Rights. She is quite correct to say that without this, where powers are not clearly settled as between the political institutions, there will always be questions over the propriety of particular cases where ministers are the subject of judicial

However, there is a danger that concentration on a few causes *célèbres*, especially in the field of judicial review, will skew our perspective. The judiciary is a changing institution. The cause of a new judicial activism has more to do with the nature of the modern administration of government than it has to with the politicisation of

the judiciary.

The media only report a tiny minority of judicial review cases: research proves that the vast majority of cases will never have been as far as a grade 7 civil servant. let alone a minister. In the few cases that the judiciary do question a judgement of a secretary of state it is very difficult to see any usurpation of parliamentary sovereignty. In fact in checking the executive in new ways, it could be argued that they are often doing the job our representatives are failing in, for which many of us are grateful.
MICHAEL HARKER Cardiff Law School University of Wales

Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number. 1Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity. India may torpedo a ban on nuclear testing this week. But halting tests does not rid us of the weapons anyway, says Tony Barber

Is this our post-atomic dawn?

n two days' time, the world may know whether there is a chance of adopting what looks like the most ambitious arms control measure in mankind's history. Thursday is the deadline by which 61 nations bope to agree the text of a treaty that would ban nuclear weapons

It would not mean the end of the nuclear age, still less the dawn of eternal peace. More than 16,000 nuclear warheads, capable of delivery by intercontinental missile or bomber aircraft, remain, largely in the hands of the United States and

Apart from these, the nuclear powers possess more than 10,000 short-range and other warheads. Put more starkly, the total yield of all the world's nuclear weapons is sufficient to cause mare than 300,000 Hiroshima-style explosions.

Nuclear deterrence, nuclear proliferation, nuclear madness all these concepts will remain with us, whether or not the test ban goes ahead. Yet a ban on tests would represent a considthat bas shuddered more than 2,000 times since the end of the Second World War from the impact of nuclear weapons explosions in the atmosphere, underground and in the water. Most countries attending the

Geneva talks on a Compreh sive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) support the proposal to stop tests. Crucially, these include the five declared nuclear powers and the United States. All have now stopped testing, China last month and France earlier this year after a series of tests in the Sonth Pacific that outraged

Despite problems with Iran and Cuba, the main threat to the treaty comes from India, the only country openly opposing it in its present form. Along with Israel and Pakistan, India is a "threshold" nuclear power - a state that has nuclear weapons but does not admit it, or has enough fissile materials to build such weapons at short notice.

Some diplomats say that if India does not lift its objections, the question will remain whether the treaty is anything other than a piece of paper inscribed with noble intentions. It could still go forward next month to the United Nations in New York, where memberstates would be invited to ratify it, but India's refusal to endorse the document could tempt some countries to regard it as a pious and irrelevant

"India is running the risk of taking the full blame if the talks fail," a Western diplomat in Geneva said. "Everyone else realises this is the right treaty."



Last winter's French nuclear tests in the South Pacific may be the last ever by a Western power

Ironically, India's first postindependence prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, was among the earliest advocates of a test ban, making the proposal in 1954 as a way of halting the Cold War arms race. For India, the picture changed completely 10 years later, when its giant neighbour and rival, China, exploded its first nuclear weapon at Lop Nor.

In 1974, India conducted a nuclear test of its own. It has always described this as an explosion of a "peaceful nuclear device", but no one least of all China and Pakistan, India's second great adversary - doubts that the test was a milestone on India's path to undeclared nuclear status.

India's objections to the CTBT are many and varied. One is that, unless the treaty is linked to a timetable for global position of the five declared nuclear powers.

From an Indian perspective, the willingness of these countries to abandon nuclear tests reeks of hypocrisy, since tech-nological advances mean that they are all capable of simulating tests in laboratories. Declaring a test ban in these circum-

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stances is, say the Indians, a little like locking the stable door after the nuclear horse has

The Indian government is also resisting a provision of the treaty that requires the five nuclear powers and India, Israel and Pakistan to ratify the pact before it becomes international law. The thinking behind this clause is simple: if a "threshold" power such as India does not sign the treaty, then other countries that may aspire to nuclear status will have a perfect excuse not to

India contends, however, that the requirement encroaches on its sovereign right to decide freely what international agreements it wishes to enter into. Last week the Indian represen tative in Geneva, Arundhati Ghose, proposed an amendwould take effect only after ratification by 65 states.

India's fundamental objection is that, if it were to ratify the treaty as it stands now, it would be tying one hand behind its back before any future conflict with China or Pakistan. The suspicious and fears that infect relations between India and its two neighbours may, in

the end, prove the downfall of to view the Chinese-Pakistani alliance with apprehension.

Having fought three wars with Pakistan since independence in 1947, India is constantly on the watch for some treacherous Pakistani move against Indian territory. It does not help that the Indian government is battling to put down a separatist revolt in the two-thirds of Kashmir that lies inside India's borders. Although India's popula-

tion of 850 million outnum-

It is a measure of the depth of India's security concerns that the main opposition party, the right-wing Hinda Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), openly supports the deployment of nuclear weapons at a time when the rest of the world claims to want to move in completely the other direction. The BJP's foreign affairs spokesman, Brijesh Mishra, went further last week and said: "We must con-

The total yield of all the world's nuclear weapons adds up to more than 300,000 Hiroshima-style explosions

bers that of Pakistan by a factor of about seven to one, the in order to design nuclear warment under which the treaty sense of a threat is ever-present, enhanced by the aware ness that Pakistan is an undeclared nuclear power. Yet the biggest problem for India lies not in Pakistan but in China, an even more populous country than India and one that has conducted about 45 nuclear tests - the last of which occurred on 29 July, the very day that the Geneva talks reopened after a month's

"Pakistan isn't the top worry for India. For them, China is always top of the list," said Bates Gill, an analyst at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

China fought a brief border war with India in 1962 and, partly on the principle that your enemy's enemy is your friend, has maintained a long-standing military relationship with Pak-istan. Both the Chinese and Pakistanis have denied Western press reports that China has supplied Pakistan with M-11 iles for delivering nuclear warheads, but India continues

heads for our missiles."

pers reported last Friday that the state-run Defence Research and Development Organisation had proposed to the government that tests of a controversial intermediate-range missile, the Agni, should be resumed. The Agui, which is named after the Hindu fire god, bas been tested twice before, the last time in February 1994, but India has come under US pressure to drop the programme on the grounds that it raises tensions with

China and Pakistan. For some while after the CTBT negotiations began in January 1994, it appeared that China might prove as big an obstacle as India to a complete test ban. The Chinese were particularly opposed to a proposal, advanced by the US, that information gathered from satellites and other forms of technical intelligence should be used as the basis for making a request for "on-site inspec-

spying to demand inspections. In return, the Chinese promised duct one or more nuclear tests that, should India refuse to endorse the treaty, they will still : co-operate with US efforts to

> clear that the US sees value in adopting the freaty even without Indian approval. The rea-son is that if, after three years, the treaty has still not come into effect because of Indian opposition, a new conference can be held to decide on measures to accelerate the ratification process. This clause could be inter-

Essentially, the Chinese

viewed this proposal as a

licence for espionage. They

also argued that inspections

should not go ahead unless a

two-thirds majority of the

treaty's 51-nation executive

council voted for them, whereas

the US said that a simple

Last week, in one of the

major breakthroughs of the

talks, the US and China

reached a compromise. The

US agreed that the number of

votes required to trigger an inspection should be raised to

30, while China undertook to

use its influence on Pakistan to

The US also appears to have

assured China that it will not

use information acquired by

send the document to the UN

General Assembly for signing.

This compromise makes.

make it sign the CTBT

majority vote should suffice.

preted to mean that the treaty, far from being buried because of Indian objections, has "pro-visional application". Those states that sign the treaty will be bound never to conduct a nuclear test, while those that do not sign will be under extreme pressure not to carry out a test because the weight of international opinion will be overwhelmingly against

Officials in New Delhi have expressed concern that the US other powers might

attempt to use the conference three years from now to impose economic sanctions on India for not ratifying the CTBT. However, the US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, wrote a letter to the Indian government pledging that the US had no intention of penalising

India in this fashion. Another way of saving the treaty, if India refuses to approve it, is to omit the names of the eight countries whose ratification is needed to make it operative. However, India may not regard such a step as meet-ing its substantive objections.

As a former Indian foreign minister, AP Venkateswaran, indicated, India's worries about China and Pakistan are so profound that it is ready to endure isolation as the price of rejecting the treaty. "It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees," he said.

... The Geneva talks are so tantalisingly close to succe seems unlikely that the US and the other four declared nuclear powers will let them break down completely. Yet it cannot be stressed too often that the CTBT is not an act of nuclear disarmament and may not even serve as an incentive to disarmament.

Perhaps the most telling episode at the Geneva talks happened last Thursday, when 29 developing countries pro-posed immediate negotiations on a timetable for destroying nuclear arsenals by 2020. The proposal was dismissed as wildly utopian by the chief US delegate, Stephen Ledngar, whn called it a "long, complicated wish-list that would amount to all nuclear weapons states being required to ... destroy in accordance with a timetable dictated by others. That is simply not in the cards for the United States, or indeed for any of the other nuclear

weapons states."

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Town, are marked in bright red, the way public houses met a man in Edinburgh vesterday who wanted me Lto go to the Chinese State Circus. The very good reason for this is that he is the man responsible for bringing the Chinese State Circus to Britain, and to the Meadows

tions" of nuclear facilities.

in Edinburgh where they cur-rently reside. I know whereof I talk, because I have just made my They're wonderful," he told me, with the simple, childlike faith of a man who bas invested a lot of money in bringing them here. "And they have brought skills here we have never seen from the Chinese before - or rather, rescued some skills we thought they had lost. They've brought bicycling back," be added in a dramatic whisper. "The things they do with bicycles Well, I hope they are care-

ful. If they should ever get out of the circus and cycle round Edinburgh, I hope they never have to go on the cobbles. Doing somersaults on a bike in mid-air is one thing. Riding on Edinburgh cobbles is another. If you buy the very efficient Cycling Map of Edinburgh, you will see that many of the streets, especially in the New

used to be marked on old temperance maps of Victorian London. And for the same reason: these streets are the work of the devil. They are cobbled, and therefore hell to bicycle on.

annual pilgrimage to the Edin-burgh bicycle shop in the London Road known as Sandy Gilchrist to hire a bicycle for the duration of the Festival, and I came back along some long, cobbled streets. This produces the kind of fast vibration that shakes the body violently and knocks the shopping off the back of the bike and which, in a plane, would have the pilot announcing: "I am afraid the turbulence has got so bad that I am seriously thinking of landing in the sea; unfortunately we are 300 miles from the sea"

I also noticed a curious effect on my left-hand little finger, which carries a small ring, dating from some more flamboyant period of my life, which I now find very hard to



Miles Kington

get nff. To my amazement, I noticed that the fast, minuscule vibration of the cobbles was causing the ring to slide down my finger very slowly but surely and threaten to leave it. If any reader has a ring they cannot get off their thickening fingers, let them come to Edinburgh at once and hire a bike.

The other first thing to do when staying in Edinburgh is to locate the nearest shops for soft, floury rolls, whisky, photocopying, etc. I asked at the local croissant shop (yes, they are here too) where I could get bacon nearby.

"Your best bet," said the girl, "is Carr's the flower shop, or the Paki down the road."

An odd recommendation for bacon - either a florist's or he was saying. I felt there was a Muslim shop. But it turned out that they both had bacon, and it turns out that there is nothing peinrative about "Paki" - it's just the local word for an Asian shop. Anyway, I don't suppose the Scots would look down on a nation like Pakistan which was giving England a cricketing lesson

I went to the Asian shop to get a paper and some milk. There was a man in front of me in the queue also buying

"What papers have you got there?" asked the Pakistani

Wreck Instar", said the man in a thick Scottish accent. "Fine," said the Pakistani. Playing the brief exchange back in my mind, but at a slower speed, I realised that what the man had said was "Record and Star". I also realised that I had found it perfectly easy to understand what the Pakistani was saying but hard to make out the Scotsman. In addition. I realised that the Pakistani had

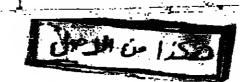
befare I had worked out what a moral here, but wasn't sure

I wanted to pursue it. I am nnt sure it had although there is a very strong Asian presence in Edinburgh and Scotland generally, I am not aware of any West Indian presence which, having lived in Notting Hill for years, I had come to

expect in a big city.
Not, of course, that there is any guarantee that an Asian community will always be at peace with itself. I have a cousin who lives in Perthshire. There are two Indian restaurants in his local town. I said to my cousin one day that it was good having two Indian outfits, because then they would bave each other for

company. "I believe they are not even on taiking terms," he said. "Because of some religious

difference?" "Worse than that. A regional difference. One lot is Dundee Indian and the other lot is Glasgow Indian. So they understood the Scotsman long



the commentators

A step closer to the dictators' treasure chest

group of Swiss bankers and representatives of world .Jewry, under the chairmanship of Paul Volcker, the former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has recently been set up to sort out, once and for all, the fate of the riches entrusted to Swiss bankers by the Jews of Germany

and Nazi-occupied Europe before and during the Second World War. But the commission's importance lies not so much in the historic injustices it may rectify, but in the precedent it sets. It could represent a turning point in international legal history, and an unprecedented opportunity to return to the populations of underdeveloped countries some of the loot plundered by their rulers over the years.

In the past, the Swiss have held with incredible tenacity to their sovereignty in guarding the money the CIA).

The Zurich banks hold much more than wartime gold, says Nicholas Faith thy" successors to a corrupt regime to get their hands on the money-

entrusted to them. For years after 1945, they fought a superb diplo-matic and legal battle to prevent the Allies from getting at the enormous sums deposited by individual Nazis - far larger than those of Jewish origin. But their acceptance of the international nature of the Volcker commission shows that they are now sufficiently worried to relinquish a portion of their independence. So anxious are they to give the right, albeit misleading, impression of rectitude that one of their representatives on the commission, Hans Baer, is chairman of the only Swiss bank that did not actively work for and with the Nazis (the bank, Julius Baer, was in fact paymaster for the OSS, the wartime predecessor of

This breach in the citadel provides a precedent, not for unearthing further Jewish or Nazi funds, but for trying to return to their rightful owners the far higger sums deposited by most of the dictators who have ruled so many commtries in the Third World since tude to the guardianship of such

official estimated that a sum equivalent to all the aid distributed to Latin America had been funnelled into Switzerland.

The Swiss have already relented in their previously unbending atti-

This could be an opportunity to return plundered loot to underdeveloped countries

money, and have been relatively 1945. The precedent was set by President Juan Peron (don't cry for helpful in a number of cases him Argentina, his money was recently - most notably that of him Argentina, his money was securely tucked away) and he has President Marcos of the Philipbeen followed by every tin-pot autopines - although they work on a crat you can think of - as early as case-by-case hasis. As a result of

the 1960s one cynical World Bank earlier pressure, they also claim that the banks now know the identity of the beneficiaries of all the assets (and no one knows how much: we're talking of hundreds, or even thnusands of billions of dollars) managed by Swiss banks. It would thus be perfectly possible in extend the work of the Volcker commission to include claims by the dictators' successors to reclaim the assets on

behalf of the country involved. Of course there are innumerable difficulties in putting such an idea into practice. The definition of the people whose assets would be under scrutiny would have to include not nnly the dictatur, his family (and mistresses) but also his closest associates. It would also be ridiculous to allow what one might call "unwor-

THE FORBIDDEN: THINGS A PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE MAY NOT DO.

I'm thinking here of successive rulers of Nigeria, a country which has provided lots of valuable elients for the banks since independence.

Finally, to prevent the money being moved elsewhere, the commission would have in have international backing to supervise the same search in other havens for illicit money. None of these including Liechtenstein, the Cayman Islands and the Channel islands - have the same infrastructure, the same tradition or the same reputation as the Swiss. But if a suitable international legal structure could be created, based on the precedent set by the establishment of the Volcker commission, the world's poor could benefit in the extent of sums undreamed of by the world's aid agencies.

The toaster that became a slice of Eighties life

Ann Treneman wonders what to do with her Dualit

arah Ban Breathnach used to think life had to be perfect. Now she knows it just has to be perfeetly simple. Throw out those shoulder pads, forget the Filofax, downsize the Dualit. The Eighties are dead and finally we know what the Nineties stand for: simplicity itself. Breathnach knows this because she's

making a mint out of her book, Simple Abundance: A Day Book of Com-fort and Joy. This book of essays - don't miss "The Art of Puttering" - has sold more than one million copies in the US and has been near the top of the New York Times best-seller list since April. She is now working on another book. called Authentic Success, at her home in Maryland and I am hoping one of those chapters is going to be entitled "What Do You Do with the Dualit!" This is one of the questions that

haunt as the Eighties fade away. Let's face it, the Dualit tooster for the home was the Eighties. It is oversized. shiny, expensive and wears its label on the outside. It is, as they say, aspira-tional. The Eighties kitchen counter was eluttered - what with the pasta maker, the espresso machine, the industrial-size juicer – but no one minded elearing the equivalent of a hectare or two for the Dualit.

The others are now safely out of sight but the Dualit remains. After all it was more of an investment than an appliance: downsizing the toaster is just too ruthless. Here we begin to show some similarities to the tribe in the South Seas that is rumoured to worship a washing machine. Could it be the Dualit is also divine?

Other Eighties relies are easy to dispose of. Off the coast of New Jersey some inventive souls are recycling tyres by sticking them together with concrete and dropping them into the ocean to make a "reef". Shoulder pads could be sunk in this way too. Filofaxes are worth saving for the leather alone (remember. BSE Britain could be

cow-less in a decade).

A Dualit reef is unthinkable. Clearly we need another strategy. I turned to the Conrao Shup for advice. Its spokeswoman, Bridget Bodoano, is a Dualit-owner herself: "I think the thing to do is to carry on using it. It's such a good thing. They are just timene siviisi at *Kiichens, Bedroom*s and Bathrooms magazine also assures

me its curves are fashionable. "We're selling them like hot cakes," says Ms Bodoano. "Have you seen they are doing colours?" Dualit, still a family business based in south London, provides hue details: now you can tnast in Canary Yellow, Cobalt Blue, Mint Green or something called Util-

So this is what you do: update. Or you could just grin and bear it - mak-ing sure that Alessi tea kettle is also visible - and wait for the Eighties revival. It won't be long and I'm sure Ms Breathnach would agree that's the

A devil of a game to play

Casting Tony Blair as the devil may backfire on the Tories, but should Labour ignore it or reply in kind?

o understand the reference point for the Tories' latest anti-Labour newspaper advertisement, it is worth tuning into The Stand, the watchably vacuous Stephen King TV mini-series. The high point of the series's supernatural hocum is a diabolic figure who looks normal except that his eyes, like those of Tony Blair in the ad, turn into piercing crimson orbs whenever he meets resistance to his will. On the cover of the King novel It, similarly menacing red eyes stare out from a street drain. Consciously or not, Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, and his advertising guru Manrice Saatchi are using the visual idiom of the master of best-selling junk horror.

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The depiction of Tony Blair as Stephen King super-villain is a new low point, eveo in an age of increasingly oegative US-derived campaigning. For even the most tendentious and scarily negative advertisements during previous British and American campaigns have been about something: a policy, such as Clinton's economic record in Arkansas, or a decision, such as that taken by Michael Dukakis to parole a black convict. But Sunday's advertisement in three national newspapers doesn't attack Labour on

Tory campaigners maintain that they are just setting the context, and that the specifics, some of which were laid out in the party's equally Stephen King-like party political hroadcast last month, will be followed up later. Nevertheless, the brief text of Sunday's advertisement brutally rips out of context some remarks by Clare Short in her interview with the New Statesman last week. Ms Short did indeed say that it was "dangerous" for Labour to depict itself as utterly different from Labour in the past. That may be damaging to Mr Blair's interests, but the danger Ms Short had in mind was that of losing the election. To use the concept of "danger" as the Tories cur-rently do about Labour. Ms Short's fear about the impact Labour policies may have on the country is, if anything, that they won't be dangerous enough.

In the hard-boiled world of political



DONALD MACINTYRE

advertising, that criticism will no doubt be airily dismissed as hopelessly high-minded. Tory campaign managers believe that one fault of the Bush 1992 strategy was that it wasn't negative enough. There was a tendency, they say, among Republican spin doctors to criticise Clinton for "flip flops", the transatlantic equivalent of the U-turn.

The danger of that is that if you accuse your opponent of a U-turn, you are really saying to the voters little

Opinion polls show an overwhelming hostility to the Tories' strategy

more than that he got it wrong before but that now he's got it broadly right. This is rather what Boh Dole has just done in response to President Clinton's decision to allow through the Republicans' welfare Bill. By contrast, the Tories did not use that tactic at a moment when they might have - on Tony Blair's decision to hold devolution referendums on Wales and Scotland. U-turns are benign corrections of previous errors. They certainly don't frighten the electors. And that is what Dr Mawhinney is determined

The question is, how should Labour respond? It will resist the temptation to ignore it altogether. Opinion poll findings on the "New Labour, New Danger" strategy, of which Sunday's advertisement was an integral part, show overwhelming hostility to it. So, too, did an instant series of 50 inter-

views carried out for Labour in central London yesterday morning - 40 per cent said it made them less favourable to the Tories and only 4 per cent more so. But what people say about an advertisement is only part of the story of how they respond to it. Even Tory strategists admit privately that Blair scores much more highly than John Major as a strong leader; but they claim that his rating as reliable and honest is not as high. If they can translate his strength into something demonic, farfetched as it may seem, then they will have succeeded. The fact that the voters don't see Blair as dangerous is pre-cisely a reason, in the minds of fory campaigners, for trying to make him

So Labour should hit back. But how? As it happens, the lines of its potentially most successful strategy are already clear. In the next few days, billboards will go up both in the UK and ons in their most popular boliday destination - in Spain, denouncing "The Same Old Tories, the Same Old Lies".

There is a risk in this strategy because it cuts across one of the older conventional wisdoms of campaigning. that by defending yourself against claims made by your opponents, for example on tax or law and order, you help to give credence to those claims. But part of the failure of the Kinnock campaign in 1992 was that if you don't rebut the claims early enough they are more likely to stick.

But the second point is that however technically powerful a campaign it mounts, Labour shouldn't reply in kind. Interestingly, only a minority (20 per cent) of electors interviewed for Labour in yesterday's sample thought that the party should respond at all; but even they thought it should do so in a different tone. If it doesn't base its own campaign in solid fact, it can't make an issue of the techniques that the Tories are using. And by making an issue out of the Tories' campaign, it may strike a chord with an electorate deeply cynical about the claims of all politicians.

Nor is this just a matter of Sunday's singly content-free advertise-



Top of the Hustrated London News's 1910 list of tactics forbidden to parliamentary candidates: 'The candidate may not call his opponent a liar or slander him in any way

terday that a Fabian pamphlet by a Labour candidate meant that the party was threatening the monarchy. As Frank Dobson pointed out, it no more does that than a recent article by a Tory candidate proposing "MonWatch" - a body to regulate the monarchy.

ment. Michael Portillo implied yes- Mr Blair "will not be dragged down There is some high ground here, which Conservative Central Office seems hell-bent on vacating.

According to an Evening Standard article yesterday by Peter Mandelson, bead of Labour's election campaign, into the Tories' gutter" and will instead focus on "Labour's message about the country's future". It remains to be seen how far Labour carries nut these brave words in practice. But it is probably in its own interests - as well as that of the national political debate - for it do so.

important to be kidding)

labelled themselves "Brutalists" and designed wilfully ugly

buildings at great expense.

The reaction to Modernism

began with conservationists

(Juhn Betjeman wrote an

essay on "The Death of Mod-

ernism" in a 1929 number of

the Architectural Review), but

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THE CENTRAL FACTS FROM THE COURSES YOU ALWAYS MEANT TO TAKE, IN 25 LECTURES Fifties' architects (too self-

Todern architecture began partly as a reaction to the carriage of the Western Front and to the Spanish 'flu epidemic that swept mercilessly through Europe in the wake of the First World War. Modern architecture offered a clean, white and brave new world. It was a radical covenant between architect and society in which hygiene, sanitoria, sunbathing and swimming played key roles, where windows were big to let in healthy daylight, living accommodation was raised off the sullied ground on stripped classical pillars that Le Corbusier (Charles-Edouard Jeanneret, 1887-1965), the greatest of all Moderns, called 'piloti". and in which all forms of decorative excess recalling the decadent culture that had led to the slaughter of the Somme, were put away.

Modern architecture was,

thus, a kind of tabula rusa, a cultural Year Zero, a second Recaissance with Corb its Palladio and Mies (Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, 1886-1969) its mystic master: "Less is more" said the Bauhaus architect as he built some of the century's most severe and enigmatically

beautiful huildings.
Zealous iconoclasts took up the Modernist hattle cry, form follows function, a misreading of the famous dictum of Louis Sullivan (1856-1924),

the Chicago architect musing, in Aristotelian manner, on the way in which the natural world adopts myriad particular forms to express its manifold functions. To many Mod-ernists, functionalism meant machine culture, an ultimately soulless creed. Evelyn Waugh was quick to

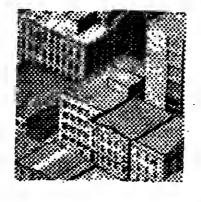
satirise this new breed of designer in the character of Otto Friedrich Silenus in Decline and Fall (1928), picking up on Le Corbusier's famous and widely misinterpreted dictum, "the house is a machine for living in" (Vers une Archi-tecture, 1923). Professor Silenus attracts the attention of the incurably fashionable Margot Beste-Chetwynde, owner of King's Thursday, the finest Tudor house in England, with the rejected design for a chewing-gum factory published in a progressive Hungarian quar-terly. The Tudor house is replaced by the factory. The problem of architecture as I see it." explains Silenus, "is the problem of all art - the elimination of the human element from consideration of form."

Up to a point Waugh was spot-on. When humourless zeal was combined with iconoclastic posturing (Le Cor-busier dreamt of demolishing Paris oorth of the Seine, replacing it with a grid of geometric skyscrapers), humans were sentenced to live in con-



WEEK 2 DAY 2 Modern Architecture LECTURER: Jonathan Glancey

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crete and steel termites' nests. Modern architects were widely influenced by abstract art, atonal music and the aeroplane; yet, in trying to break from architecture's earthbound restraints, they were expecting too much of the majority of people who, unlike them, took comfort in the past, in decoration, brick, stone and old street patterns. Modern architecture was a crusade striking nut highmindedly for a new Jerusalem, but most people just wanted to stay at home.

In Europe, Modernism was a faith; in the United States it was simply a style. American architects were not burdened with the philosophical principles and sociological concerns of Le Corbusier and Professor Silenus. For them, Modern architecture, or "International Style", was all about glamour, elegant, open-plan buildings, refined materials, making a

buck and having a ball.

Modern architecture
arrived late in Britain, becoming the norm only after the Festival of Britain (1951). At first it was wholesome, but unt much fun. Then it was taken up by developers and government agencies who liked it because, stripped to structural basics, Modern buildings were quick to build. The British confused Modern with cheap, while the most avant-garde

American architect declared "Less is a Bore", the rallying cry of Post-Modernism. Post-Modernism (anything goes, especially overblown classical details and unfunny visual "jokes") encouraged a rash of new "isms" (Deconstructivism. Minimalism) and "wasms" (Neo-Classicism, second time round), but has played itself out, while Modernism has mutated and progressed into new forms of architecture ranging from the lustrous Hi-Tech of Sir Norman Foster and Sir Richard Rogers to the sophisticated concrete sculpture of Japan's Tadao Ando. The Modern Movement may

have died the death of a thousand cuts, but Modern architecture waltzes intriguingly into an unknown and endlessly fascinating future.

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£50m bid underlines Sainsbury's US ambitions

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J Sainsbury underlined its amhitions in the United States vesterday when it confirmed it is in talks with Dutch retailer Royal Ahold to huy a dozen stores in Connecticut for an estimated £50m.

The deal includes 12 stores and two sites and comes just a week after Sainsbury increased its stake in Giant Foods of Washington to almost 20 per cent. That deal, worth \$62m. is seen as the prelude to an evenbury around £1.2bn.

"Sainsbury has set its stall out to expand in the US in the same way as Tesco has targeted Europe," one analyst said. The acquisition of the Con-

necticut supermarkets was widely expected as part of Royal Ahold's recent purchase of the Stop & Shop chain on America's East Coast. Sainsbury will conduct the deal through its Boston-hased Shaw's subsidiary whose stronghold is in Massa-

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tual takeover of the whole chusetts though it has also ex-group which would cost Sains- panded into Rhode Island. New ting costs and improving mar-co-founder, Israel Cohen, died Hampshire and more recently, Vermont. The stores will be changed to the Shaw's name.

Some analysis have questioned Sainsbury's expansion into the US where margins and returns are lower and the supermarket operators, which are regional rather than national, do not have the same bargaining power with food manufacturers. But others say there is scope for Sainsbury to bring its UK

skills to bear on the sector by

gins with the introduction of more own-label lines.

Shaw's, which Sainsbury acquired in 1987, has been performing well over the past two years with strong sales and improving margins. Shaw's penetration of own-label lines stands at 40 per cent of total sales, though this is still lower than the 60 per cent penetration in Sainsbury's UK stores.

Sainsbury is expected to buy the remainder of Giant within

last November at the age of 83. The finance director, another octogenarian, recently retired.

However, before Sainsbury makes a large US acquisition it is under pressure to improve its performance in the UK where it has been losing ground to rivals Tesco, Safeway and Asda. The company had cause to cheer yesterday with new figures suggesting that following the launch of its Reward loyalty card in June, Sainsbury is starting to

sales. According to figures from market research group AGB, Sainsbury's market share rose to 21.1 per cent in July, up from 20.6 per cent in June and 20.1

per cent in May. Tesco's market share fell to 22 per cent in July down from 22.8 per cent in June. The Reward card has 5.5

adding new members at the rate of 100,000 a week.

million cardholders and is

Sainsbury said: "It's carly

claw back some of the lost having the desired affect on our market share.".

However, some City analysis say he sales increases are not enough to cover the costs of administering the card. Sainsbury has already said that increased costs, including the launch of the card, will affect its interim prof-

its due in October. Nat West Securities' indicative forecast suggests that Sains-hury's half year profits will fall by around 9 per cent to £412-£420m compared with £451m in days yet, but the loyalty card is the same period last year.

Inflation at lowest level for a decade

MAGNUS GRIMOND

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, was yesterday handed further ammunition to fend off Bank of England pressure for higher interest rates after underlying factory gate inflation in July hit its lowest level for decades.
Official figures showed the

cost of industry's raw materials grew by 2.2 per cent last month. down 0.1 per cent on June, while the prices charged at the factory gate grew by 2.2 per cent, com-pared with 2.5 per cent the pre-vious month. Stripping out volatile items, defined as food, drink, tobacco and petrol, the underlying input price fall was the biggest for nearly 10 years, while the increase in output prices was the smallest since November 1967.

The figures were described as "excellent" by analysts, who day. Adam Cole, economist at HSBC Markets, said the data showed minimal price pres-sures on both the input and output side. Furthermore, he suggested that with producer ontput prices being a lead indicator of retail price inflation, "it looks as if the market is likely to be pleasantly surprise by the RPI data at the end of this year and the beginning of next".

Morgan Stanley economist Kevin Gardiner said the latest figures were not enough to justify a further rate cut, but they should help Mr Clarke fend off calls from the Bank of England for higher rates "for a good few months yet". He will be buttressed by news

today of a slowdown in high street sales in July, A survey by the British Retail Consortium showing sales growth slipping to an annual rate of 5.4 per cent in July from 7 per cent in June has led to a call for restraint on any rise in interest rate rises. Andrew Sentance, chief adviser to the BRC, describes the underlying trend of retail sales as healthy. The slowdown should allay fears that consumer spending is rising too

to say the least." The fall in July output prices was the third successive monthly fall, the only string of such declines since the series began in 1963. Core output prices dipped by 0.1 percentage points on the month to 1.5 per cent. Hamish McRae, page 19

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Double demerger: The dismemberment by Dieter Bock (above) of the former Lonrho boss Tiny Rowland's fieldom has been given a significant boost by confirmation of the proposed hotels sale

Hotels flotation signals early Lonrho break-up

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

The break-up of Lonrho could be complete within three months, well ahead of the schedule set out in June when the demerger was first announced.

The conglomerate announced vesterday it would be selling its Metropole to Princess hotels arm next month and it is understood the planned separation of the remaining mining and African trading operations could follow within weeks.

The double demerger, which will mark the completion of chief executive Dieter Bock's dismemberment of former Lonrho boss Tiny Rowland's fiefdom, was given a significant boost by confirmation of the proposed hotels sale.

Proceeds of a planned in-ternational public offering of shares in Princess Metropole Hotels, estimated at between £600m and £800m, will all but wipe out Lonrho's debts, clearing the final hurdle to the subsequent sale of the agriculture, food processing and ear distri-

of a minority stake in Metropole Hotels which Tiny Rowland had sold to the Libyan government in 1992. It has not yet been decided exactly how much debt will he transferred to Princess Metropole but it is expected to be given a strong capital base to fund its development plans af-

ter the flotation. Current Lonrho shareholders are expected to be given priority on applications for a proportion of Princess Metropole's shares. They will not, however, be offered a discount. All shares are to be is-

sued at one price for all investors. Following the demerger, the group will be headed by chief executive Martin Bolland who joined Lonrho in 1981 as a head office accountant, Between 1983 and 1985 he ran Princess Hotels in New York and then moved to Metropole where he was man-

aging director.
Peter Harper, a non-executive of Lonrho since 1993 and currently director of parliamentary affairs at Hanson, is to be the com-

puny's non-executive chairman. The second demerger will bution husinesses.

Lonrho's debts are estimated at £830m, boosted by the £251m acquisition, completed last week.

Corporation of South Africa.

trigger the placing of Dieter books 18.5 per cent stake in councement of the demerger, which is designed to enhance shareholder value, has actually

which would then become the largest shareholder, and effective parent, of the rump Lonrho mining business. Analysis expect Lourho, which controls some of the world's richest gold and platinum mines, will ultimately be bid for by Anglo.

Mr Bock plans to use the proceeds of selling his Londho stake, worth £240m at the current share price, to pay off personal debts and to invest enough in the African trading husiness, which he will head up, to take a stake of between 20 and 25 per cent.

A prospectus for the sale of the hotels business, which includes 5 Metropole conference hotels in the UK and 10 luxury resorts in the US, Mexico and the Caribbean, is due to be issued in the first week of September followed by a book building operation and first dealings towards the end of the month.

News of the offer sent Lonrho's shares 3p higher yesterday at 171p, reversing a steady decline this year from a high of 217p in February. As with Hanson, which is also in the throes of breaking itself up, the announcement of the demerger, which is designed to enhance

been taken badly by the market and the company is trading at a timates of its break-up value.

Analysts believe, however, that the timing of the hotels sale is astute, in the middle of the most buoyant period for the industry since it emerged from the slump in international travel in the wake of the Gulf War. The sector has attracted plenty of stockmarket interest this year, with the take-over of Forte by Granada and the flotations of Macdonald Hotels, Millennium & Copthorne and Jarvis.

Princess Metropole has a good trading record, with operating profits in the past two years growing from £17m to £42m, Analysts believe it provides an unusual exposure to specialist niches, such as the profitable conference market, a good ge-ographical spread and a significant potential to expand its existing hotels.

Lonrho plans to hold on to its African hotels, which include safari lodges in Kenya and beach hotels in Mauritius, Princess Metropole will, however, have an arms length contract to manage

£25m Sorrell share option jackpot within reach at

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Martin Sorrell, head of WPP and potentially the highest paid advertising executive in Britain, last night stood on the verge of triggering the second tranche of after, further shares would be a controversial share incentive awarded at 265p and 304p. scheme worth up to £25m.

reached last month, and must

initial block of 1.1 million shares. A second lot of 1.6 million shares will be awarded if the shares reach and remain above

The shares rose 7p yesterday The first target, 198p, was eached last month, and must to 221p, just 9p below the second trigger, after the company

ceeded operating margin targets set last year.

"These were very good results indeed," said one leading analyst, who revised his full-year expectations to above £150m. Mr Sorrell said a lower tax charge of 35 per cent, against last year's 41 per cent, helped fuel the rise. "We are now international scope," he said. Revenues were up by 10 per

cent, with net new husiness to-talling £587m in the half. "We are particularly pleased that our revenues have increased by 10 per cent while our staff costs were up only 3 per cent," Mr Sorrell said. "That means our productivity is improving."

hopes to see this rise to 11 per cent by the end of the year. "f am still looking at our main competitors, whose margins are

higher, and know we must do better," he said. Both the main international agencies, Ogilvy & Mather and J Walter Thomson, reported strong revenue growth in the

hold for 60 consecutive days announced sharply higher more in line with the tax charges Operating margins were 10.2 quarter, helped by new business said prospects were good for the strongly. "Calls for higher interior profits of £68m and exof most companies with our per cent, and the company from large clients such as IBM, rest of 1996 but that he conteres rates to head off infla-Kodak and Kimberley Clark. Hill & Knowlton, the public

relations company, returned to the black, following several quarters of disappointing per-formance. Mr Sorrell said the

trend towards the awarding of advertising accounts to big firms at the expense of the middle

company ought to see its margins improve markedly from the current 3 per cent. Looking ahead. Mr Sorreli

market. Investment Column, page 18

tinued to have doubts about

1997, after the US presidential

election and in the run-up to the

general election in the UK. WPP stood to gain from the

Microsoft gives Apple a bite of the action

DAVID USBORNE

in a remarkable departure from traditional husiness strategy. Microsoft has begun offering a discreet helping hand to software writers developing internet programs for its oldarch-

enemy. Apple Computers.
Microsoft has quietly set up a
special unit of experts familiar with Apple's Macintosh operating system to oversee the project at a location in San Jose, California, just a few miles from Ap-ple's corporate headquarters in Cupertino. About oft people will work at the new division. Given Microsoft's historical ri-

valry with Apple, the initiative seems haffling. But the compa-ny wants to help keep Apple alive hecause without it Microsoft believes it would be vulnerable to new anti-competitive inquiries by the federal government.

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Amelio, Apple has tried this year to reverse a slump in its fortunes, marked by unprecedented losses and a rapid erosion in its world market share.

nerstone of the rescue effort. The new Microsoft unit, the existence of which only surfaced at a MacWorld trade show last week, even has the authority to offer unconditional grants of up to \$100,000 to software writers producing Internet programs exclusively for the Mae system.

In the meantime, Microsoft, founded by Bill Gates, has dropped the traditional rerement that software writers linked to the company should always write programs for its own Windows system when also en-

gaged on projects for Apple.
Writers can now develop programs aimed solely for the

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Under the leadership of its made system. The change in attitude says as much about the titude says as much about the new confidence of Microsoft which has changed tack to the parlous state of Apple. Windows is now the operating sys-Exploiting the Internet is the cortem used on about 80 per cent of all personal computers in the world. But Apple has seen its own market share dive into

single digits. Don Bradford, a Macintosh developer who is running the new Microsoft unit, has been quoted as saying that his mission is to "help make sure that Apple's market share stays be-tween 8 and 11 per cent".

Money Market Rates

Mr Bradford recently admit ted to the Wall Street Journal that worries about pressure from competition regulators in the government may be behind Microsoft's move. He added that Microsoft could not "forget the Justice Department".

Inspectors revolt against plans to close tax offices

The union representing tax inspectors and Inland Revenue staff yesterday launced a national campaign against plans to close up to 100 local tax offices. The Public Services, Tax and

Commerce Union (PTC) claimed that the proposed programme of closures threatened axpayers and the lawyers, accountants and other firms advising them with severe cuts in services at a time when the introduction of self-assessment was placing a greater hurden and responsibility on up to 9 million taxpayers.

It said that almost all the offices earmarked for closure were in small or medium-sized towns, with many in rural areas. As a result, many taxpayers and their advisers would be faced with travelling great distances for tax advice and

information. In addition, the approximately 70 staff in each office would face either re-

deployment or redundancy. The union, which has already heen protesting locally over the issue, added that the Revenue had yesterday an-nounced the closure of a pioneering helpline to save money, despite the service

being enormously successful.

The Revenue said that the Norwieh-hased telephone helpline was always envisaged as a pilot exercise and was being shut simply because its year of operation had been completed. It confirmed PTC claims that the helpline had received up to 600 calls a day and said that the information gained about the numbers of callers, types of query and the special training required by staff would be of great use when

The proposals for shutting the local offices form part of a rolling programme to restruc-ture the network that started in 1993 and is due to run until 2002. The programme stems from the greater integration of the Revenue's assessment and collection roles made possible by new technology.

A Revenue spokesman stressed that a decision had not yet been reached, though it is understood that submissions made by regional directors will he considered and decided

npon next month. The Chartered Institute of Taxation said it was concerned that some members not working for large firms might be

affected by the plans and said it was keeping the situation other special services, such as

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'If Labour is serious

about curbing boardroom excess, it faces difficult choices. Shareholder pressure is never going to provide a complete

answer when those running the investment institutions are so highly paid themselves'

ahour's energetic environment spokesman, Frank Dobson, is constantly working himself into a frenzy on all kinds of things, but when it comes to the pay of water bosses he turns almost apoplectic. Yes-terday was no exception, as he revealed his latest "research" showing water executives swimming in a £20m pay bonanza. "The privatised water bosses are shameless in their

greed," thundered a Labour press release. But 20 pages and a lot of suitably outrageous statistics later, Mr Dobson was no nearer to saying what he, or indeed Labour as a whole, would do to curb boardroom excess. In fact, this document did not advance a single suggestion or policy initiative, despite an election being, at most, months away. Mr Dobson also had little to say about the failings of the Greenbury code - which itself seems to have had virtually no impact on the

upwards march of top rates of pay. One of the code's few obvious advances is to make top pay more transparent, providing Mr Dobson and others with the ammunition they need. Yet it's already clear that you cannot shame executives into paying themselves less.

Labour's one definite policy for the utilities - a windfall profits tax - would raise revenue, but it would have no direct impact on pay. If Labour is serious about curbing boardroom excess, it faces difficult choices. Shareholder pressure is never going to provide a complete answer when those running the investment institutions are so highly paid

ulators, would also be a non-starter given Labour's passionate embrace of free

Which leaves higher taxes for higher earners as the only realistic alternative. If utility bosses want to roll around in cash and bonus shares, they should pay more tax, it's as simple as that. It may not raise much for the public purse (increasing the top rate of tax to 60 per cent for those earning more than£100,000 would only bring in an extra £1bn, and things tail off sharply if the income threshold is higher), but it might correct the problem.

Can we expect such an obvious solution to become Labour policy? Er...well, we in New Labour" don't want to damage the aspirational middle classes, you understand, nor do we want to penalise genuine entre-preneurial success with new high-band tax rates for the super rich. Until Mr Dobson can come up with some decent proposals, his comments carry no more weight than the rantings of the local pub bore.

Linking those cables could shake up Sky

When it comes to consolidation for the fledgling cable industry, the question is not so much whether as when. We have the investment institutions are so highly paid seen the first stirrings, in the form of themselves. Some kind of statutory control Telewest's acquisition of SBC Cable Comms

on pay, perhaps with the involvement of reg-ulators, would also be a non-starter given | Videotron's UK holdings, which should be decided in the next few weeks, if not days.

If you want to roll in bonuses – pay more tax

But the big one is yet to come - the merger of the first and second companies in the market. Telewest and Nynex CahleComms. It is really an open secret that a merger has been under discussion for some months, slowed down by the drawn out marriage vows of Nynex père in the US with Bell Atlantic, and the prickly personality of Alan Michels, the

outgoing Telewest chief.
There is now only one obstacle. Il involves Telewest's parent companies, US West and TCI International. Both are keen to maintain their presence in the UK cable market and each wants to find a way of engineering a merger without losing the ability to con-solidate their shareholdings in the parent company accounts.

Does all this consolidation make sense? Probably. At the start, the only way to encourage the building of expensive cable networks (likely to be worth £10bn when completed at the end of the decade) was to have lots and lots of players - US telephone companies and European utility giants among them. Now, the real challenge is to develop efficient operations and a better marketing strategy. Both goals would be served by consolidation.

Cable, once it is in the ground, is about billing systems, technical support, market-

the water and electricity companies have already begun to prove. Even better for the prospects of a compentive economy, hig cable operators might be able to afford lo create or buy programming to compete with Rupert Murdoch's near-monopoly, his pay-

TV giant, BSkyB. In any case, consolidation of this industry would not be anti-competitive because, under the cable franchise system, there is no choice of operator. Your address dictates your supplier. Efficient and robust cable companies might actually compele more effectively with the main rivals - BT for telephony and Sky for pay-TV - and that can only be good for the customer.

City treads carefully towards floated hotels

Operating with clockwork efficiency, Dieter Bock is not just meeting the tar-get dates fur Lourho's dismemberment but beating them by a handsome margin. At this rate, Tiny Rowland's disparate empire will have been neatly packaged up and sold off by November and he will have more than accomplished the job he took on three years ago in very different circumstances.

He is right to be pressing ahead with such urgency. The approach of the general election is bound to take the edge off the maring and product. Having higger companies | ket's appetite for new equity and the huoy-helps spread the operating costs around, as | ancy of the hotel industry cannot last for | come to act like a ceiling on the share price.

pany's plans with no more enthusiasm than it has already shown this year for Hanson's urge lo demerge.

Breaking up is meant to create value for shareholders as companies bow to the market's demand for "focus". Unfortunately, the evidence so far is that the end of the conglomerate is actually accelerating the City's

distrust of these companies.

The 21 per cent decline in Lonrho's share price this year to 171p is a harsh assessment of the company's progress to date and vesterday's uptick was a pretty grudging nod of approval in the light of analysts' estimates of a break-up value of perhaps 226p. The estimated proceeds of the sale of the hotels will more than wipe oul what advisers have called the £500m hole in Lonran's balance sheet and turn it from a heavy cash drain into something rather more enticing to investors.

So why the uncertainty?

The flotation is well-timed and gives investors exposure to the sort of pure hotel play that vanished when Granada aequired Forte earlier in the year. With an equal split between the UK and US markets, both of which are booming at the moment, a good price is in prospect. The problem lies not with Lonrho itself but with Mr Bock's 18 per cent stake, which he has the right to sell to Anglo-American for 180p. Mr Bock should confirm on the record that he has no inten-

Recs blow a fuse as US predator finds new target

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

Takeover speculation surrounding the regional electricity companies was dampened yesterday after Houston Industries, one of the big US utility companies to be tipped as a potential predator, announced an agreed £2.5bn deal to buy a US gas supplier.

The news led to a sharp drop in the shares of the five UK repional electricity firms which remain independent. East Midlands Electricity, which has been at the centre of recent bid rumours with Houston mentioned as a possible buyer, fell

in effect ruled themselves out of bidding for British regional electricity companies. Last week Dominion Re-

sources, the parent company of Virginia Electric and Power, was reportedly blocked from bidding for East Midlands by US regu-

Houston, which owns the

Houston Lighting and Power joint bid for Norweb, the re-Company and is the US's ninthlargest electricity company by sales, said it had signed an agreement to buy NorAm En-ergy, a Houston-based supplier

of natural gas.

The deal, which requires approval from shareholders and regulators, would create a combined gas and electricity utility worth around £9hn with almost 4 million customers. NorAm is the third-biggest natural gas supplier in the US.

Analysts suggested the Houston deal, which should be completed by next March, greatly reduced the chances of the company buying a British utility. Sp to 593p. Yorkshire Electricity shares dropped 12p to close the day at 727p, while London Electricity shed 8p to 640p.

It is the second time in two weeks that US utility firms have tricity analyst with NatWest Markets, said: "Il eertainly makes it less likely that Houston will do something in the UK. There are still other US utility firms around who could launch takeover bids, but I've felt for perhaps a month that the

chances are receding." Houston last year launched a gional electricity firm in the North-west of England, with Central and South West Corporation of Dallas. But the ambitions of the two firms, who made the bid as Texan Energy Partners, were thwarted when Norweb eventually succumbed

to a hostile £1.8bn bid from North West Water, lo form United Utilities, Bid speculation later linked Houston with London Electricity, while Central and South West went on to take over Seeboard. Apart from Seeboard, two other UK regional electricity

firms have been acquired by US companies: Sweb by the Southern Company of Atlanta, and Midlands by Avon Energy Partners, a combination of General al Public Utilities of New Jersey and Ohio-based Cinergy. Houston's chairman, Don Jordan, said the takeover of

NorAm would enable the combined group to offer customers hundled electricity and gas products as the two markets converged. "This acquisition will substantially strengthen Houston Industries' strategic position given these rapid changes in the industry.



Feeling the squeeze: The NYSE is looking for a larger home Photograph; Edward Webb

NYSE to ring changes with a new address

monolith that has been home to the New York Stock Exchange Instead, discussions have on the corner of Wall Street and Broad Street in downtown Manhattan for 93 years may soon be echoing to the sounds of pushchairs and exercise machines instead of the ring of the bell that opens and closes trading sessions, writes David Usborne.

Plans that came to light for the first time yesterday envisage the departure of the NYSE 10 a new and more modern facility and the redevelopment of its existing home into an upmarkel

The NYSE has reportedly concluded that the building, constructed in 1903 by the architect George Post, is too equately serve its needs into the next century. Recently, there has been a sudden spurt in growth in the NYSE's membership and its trading volume.

It does not appear, however, that the NYSE would consider moving out of Manhattan or of is historical financial district. A decision to locate elsewhere, for instance in New Jersey, would be a body-blow to New York, which was recently forced to offer generous incentives to persuade the cotton and cocoa

The famous Greek-columned exchanges to build new offices

already begun nn identifying a new site for the exchange within the district's bounds, Among those approached is Donald Trump, the development mogul, who is proposing to back a new exchange building on two piers south of the South Street Seaport. The ever-ambitious Mr Trump is also proposing to huild the world's tallest tower as part of the same develop-

Fran Reiter, New York's deputy mayor for economic development, confirmed the NYSE's thinking to the New York Post: "They need more space. We've told them that we will endeavour to help them in Yemma, spokesman for the NYSE, said that the exchange was in "the early stages of ex-amining several possibilities".

Another possible site for the new exchange could be at 2 Broadway, where a virtually empty office lower, recently auctioned to a Russian emigre, slands. Any such large construction project could provide a considerable economic boost to the area, which has been hurdened in recent years by an ex-

IN BRIEF

• Western Resources boosted its stake in London-listed ADT in a move that may foreshadow an attempt to block Republic Industries planned acquisition of North America's largest electronic security company. Kansas-based Western increased its holding to 24.0 per cent from 23.1 per cent, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Western said soon after Republic's offer for Bermuda-based ADT last month that it might oppose the transaction, leading to speculation that Western also

"From our standpoint, (ADT) provides a natural growth strategy," George Norton, a Western Resources spokesman, said. He declined to elaborate beyond the company's SEC filing, which said the company is "still considering its options" on the Republic A spokesman for Republic, which is controlled by hillionaire

H. Wayne Huizenga, declined to comment as did ADT. Republic, which has interests in waste disposal, electronic security and used-car superstores, plans to buy ADT for \$3.98bn in stock and assumed debt. The combined companies would have 1.6 million security customers and estimated sales next year of \$5 billion.

ADT's shares fell \$5/8 to \$19 5/8 on the news. They have traded as high as \$22 7/8 since the merger announcement.

Bayer, the German ehemicals giant, said six months to June pre-tax profit climbed 13.4 per cent to DM2.72bn from DM2.40bn a year earlier. Net profit in the half rose 15.9 per cent to DM1.55bn on sales of DM24.80bn, up 7 pct on a year earlier. The company reiterated that it expects full-year sales to climb 6 per cent and pre-tax profit to rise 10 per cent from last year's levels. In 1995, pre-tax profit to rise 10 per cent from last year's levels. In 1995, pre-tax profit of profit of DM2.42bn and DM 4.18bn at the

• Henkel, the German detergents group, said group pre-tax profit climbed 5 per cent to DM397m in the six months to June from DM378m a year earlier. Sales climbed 13.1 per cent to DM8.04bn, largely as a result of the first-time consolidation of the majority stake in cosmetics maker Hans Schwarzkopf, which Henkel ac-stake in cosmetics maker Hans Schwarzkopf, which Henkel ac-quired from Hoechst. "In view of the economic outlook for the second half of 1996, we are confident we will be able to meet our saies and earnings targets for the whole year," Henkel said.

• John Menzies has acquired Heathcote books, the book wholesaling subsidiary of WH Smith for an undisclosed sum. Menzies has conducted the deal through Total Home Entertainment, its books, video and multimedia wholesaling division.

 Bridge said it has sold its marine division to The Rope Company, parent company of Mariow Ropes, for an initial consideration of £4.7 million. Bridon marine manufactures and distributes fibre ropes, buoys and other flotation equipment.

Singapore's economy grew by only 7 per cent in the second quarter of 1996 compared to 9.2 per cent during that period last year, due to falling demand for electronics goods worldwide. The growth in the ground dementic product was the lowest for any quarters and the growth in the ground dementic product was the lowest for any quarters. growth in the gross domestic product was the lowest for any quarter since 1992 when the economy grew by 6 per cent for the en-tire year. The Ministry of Trade and Industry said the slackening of electronics sector rubbed off on the manufacturing sector, which grew by 6.3 per cent in the second quarter compared to 13.9 per cent in the first quarter. The total GDP growth in the first three months of this quarter. months of this year was 10.9 per cent.

Threatened strike by pilots costs BAA £10m

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

The threatened all-out strike by British Airways pilots con-tributed to a fall in passenger numbers at Heathrow last month, according to the air-port's operator, BAA.

The company, which operates
Heathrow, Gatwick and Stanst-

ed, estimated that, compared with July last year, 75,000 few-er passengers used its airports last month because of the planned industrial action.

The strike was to have begun in the second week in July, but was called off after the pilots' union reached agreement with British Airways management. The disruption has reportedly cost the company £10m. BAA said that worned passengers had re-booked to travel through

Amsterdam and Frankfurt. Some 5.3 million passengers used Heathrow last month, a fall of 0.3 per cent over the previ-ous year. But discounting the impact of the strike, and the fact that July this year included four rather than five weekends.

volumes at Heathrow would

have risen by 1.5 per cent. BAA said Heathrow was also depressed by British Airways' pohoy-shift away from offering many heavily discounted seats. BAA's research director Stan Maiden said: "Scheduled airlines are recognising that they can make more money by raising their incomes, rather than putting on extra capacity, which they have to sell at a discount. We expect this situation to con-

tinue through August." A drop in charter passengers has taken its toll on traditional

package holiday airports, such as Glasgow and Gatwick. There was a 14.6 per cent fall in charter passengers as tour operators cut capacity to try to repair battered profit margins after a series of damaging price wars. Glasgow Airport was worst hit,

with passenger numbers falling by 7.4 per cent. Overall, BAA's passenger volumes rose by 1.3 per cent to 9.7 million. The biggest increase was at Stansted, with a 17 per cent rise in July to half a million. Travel to the Irish Republic was the main factor, helped by new Aer

Lingus services at the airport. BAA said that at Gatwick there was 54 per cent more seat capacity to Ireland than in July last year. Mr Maiden said: "In terms of the Republic, there is a lot of positive feedback from

Goeltz quits NatWest for top post at Amex in US

JOHN WILLCOCK

Richard Goeltz yesterday re-signed as chief financial officer of NatWest Bank to return to his native United States as vicechairman of American Express the credit card company. He will start his new job in September. Mr Goeltz, 53, joined Nat-

West in February 1992 from Seaman, the entertainment conglomerate, in New York He arrived at a time when the bank was suffering badly from the effects of recession in the JK. Its American retail arm, Nat West Bancorp, lost over £150m in the two years to 1992

while the UK high street oper-ation lost over £100m in that

Mr Goeltz's tenure has seen the American arm move back to profit and sold off for £2.3bn, while the UK side has also re-

covered strongly.
Nat West Markets, the investment banking arm formerly known as County Nat West, was threatened with closure by the bank about the time Mr Goeltz arrived-Under new chief execa main plank of the group's expansion plans.
Lord Alexander, chairman of

NatWest, paid tribute to Mr Goeltz's role in rebuilding the group's fortunes in a difficult period: "I would like to thank Richard for his valued contrihution to the group over the Golub said.

Goeltz will replace Michael Monaco, who quit in April following a dispute with his boss, executive chairman Harvey Golub, over the assignments of

several senior people. Mr Goeltz will report to Mr Golub, who said the company had broadened the finance di rector's role to include serving utive Martin Owen it now forms as a member of the chief executive's office.

That means Mr Goeltz will share responsibility with vice-chairmen Ken Chenault, Jon Linen and Chuck-Farr-for reviewing business strategies and handling issues that affect more than one business unit, Mr.

Franc under renewed pressure

The French franc came under renewed selling pressure on the foreign exchange markets yesterday, weakened by comments from the Bundesbank's chief economist, Otmar Issing, that German interest rates are unlikely in come down in the short term.

In late trading the franc slipped to 3.4263 to the mark, against 3.4202 on Friday when the currency was hit by growing concern over European monetary union and speculation about a rift between President Jacques Chirac and the Bank of France.

Rob Hayward, chief economist at BankAmerica in London, said comments by Mr Issing had sown more doubts about a cut in German rates and given a further boost to the

The German central bank official told Die Welt newspaper that structural problems in the German economy could not be solved just by a cut in rates, while recent data hinted at stronger second quarter growth than most analysts had expected.

Parihas currency analyst Andy Chaveriat said that with little else to focus on, and with many of the larger players not looking to get involved in the market during the August holiday period, short-term traders have decided to push the French currency lower.

"So far the frane has held. above support at 3.4225. How-. ever, if this breaks, then there's little further support this side of 3.4340," Mr. Chaveriat said. The franc will probably come under pressure again in the run up to the government's presentation of its 1997 budget, he added.





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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

American upheavals tarnish S&N

Smith & Nephew, the Elastoplast to bone replacement group, is nothing if not predictable. The shares surged earher this year on hopes the company was moving into more exciting areas of the healthcare market. But, after peaking at 213p, they have since fallen back as the realisation grew that the group will continue to be dominated by its mundane spread of businesses.

Yesterday's interim figures, bang in line with market expectations, underlined that view. The 26 per cent growth in stated profits to £91.9m in the six months to 29 June was more like 5 per cent when the figures are adjusted for the effect of exchange rates, disposals and acquisitions, of which there were three last year.

S&N has a good franchise in some of the more esoteric areas of the US market, but it is in its transatlantic opcrations that S&N also continues to suffer. Big mergers amongst hospital groups, such as Hospital Corporation of America and Columbia, the creation of buying co-operatives or healthcare management organisations by big corporate customers and the formation of purchasing alliances by smaller hospi-

tals continue to put pressure on prices. The British group remains parti-cularly vulnerable to this upheaval. The US remains by far its biggest market, taking 41 per cent of half-year sales, of which around 60 per cent are made

to big groups.

Part of the recent weakness in the shares was on the back of poor figures from US competitors. As it happened, S&N suffered a 3 per cent price fall in the US in the latest period, twice last year's rate, but did well to more than make that up with a 4 per cent volume increase, helping, with cost savings, to

maintain margins. The group is cautiously suggesting prices could soon start moving in the right direction and argues that as a big-global group it should benefit from this rationalisation in the long run. But it concedes it could be another couple of years before the US market is out of

Meanwhile, the potential of Dermagraft, a skin graft product, and other biotech ventures will take a while to be realised. Sales of anywhere between \$200m and \$500m for the diabetic ulcer market by early next century would transform the group, particularly as new products currently enjoy a 5- to 10-point margin advantage over existing lines. But selling the benefits and educating the market could take longer than with traditional products.

Short-term interest is therefore likely to centre on takeover prospects both by and of the company. With cash firepower of up to £500m, and the potential to issue shares over and above, S&N is plainly capable of raising its world ranking from five or six to number three. On a prospective price/earnings ratio of 16 at 195p

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN run this year and next, while market

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(forecast profits of £190m this year, rising to £202m next) last year's speculation that the company would be taken out looks to be fully in the price. One

WPP set to win employed to do.

Martin Sorrell's bet that he could accounts, always a reassuring thing for drive the WPP share price hard enough an advertising company, but also from to activate his lucrative share option. Mr Sorrell's incessant cost-cutting, package is poised to be won, thanks in suggesting that new business won in the yet another strong set of restition future could find its way more easily

yesterday.

The shares are just 9p shy of the cast margins, set by Mr Sorrell last year, 230p needed to give Mr Sorrell his seed, was easily achieved, which also bodes ond tranche of shares, while the first well for the future. target of 198p has held nearly long. Even more impressive was the return enough to put him in the money. To profitability of Hill & Knowlton, the Supporters of such long-term incease, mubile relations arm which has long. Supporters of such long-term incease public relations arm, which has long tive plans will point out that shares been a source of concern for WPP manholders will have gone along for the regement. Most analysts had not ride, seeing their shares rise proceed the improvement to come so about 120p when the pay deal way, quickly, reached at all the rest of the region of the companies that

Profit by product (200)

Whether that is fair justification for paying anyone such a mind-boggling sum is a moot point, but it is hard to fault the internal logic of the scheme. Mr Sorrell is at least being rewarded for overseeing a massive increase in shareholder value, which is what he is

Yesterday's results for the six months Sorrell his bonus to June saw profits jump 40 per cent to £68m, on revenues ahead 10 per cent to £833m. The gains came from new

np 7p on the day.

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research, in which WPP has a leading reputation, can be highly profitable in periods of good economic growth. Certainly the City expects continu-

ing good fortune, with full-year pre-tax profits likely to hit £155m, or 13p a share, implying a multiple of 17. Next year, the expectations are for £186m of profit, or 15.4p a share and a p/e of 14. Still good value.

Education boom benefits BPP

BPP Holdings, the educational and publishing group, is benefiting from the boom in professional qualifications. With the educational market becoming increasingly complex and with seemingly every other college turning itself into a university, professional qualifications are gaining in stature.

Add to this, growth in banking, courses in areas such as derivatives and BPP is in a very strong position. As the market leader in helping white collar workers and students pass exams through its college courses and textbooks, growth in professional recruit-ment is good news. It is a leading training provider for certified and has recently expanded into law, med-

icine and the City.

The savonrable market conditions helped lift BPP sprofits by more than 10 per cent to £4 cm in the six months to the end of vine on sales up from . 130m to 135m. The Lefts Educational publishing business has been boosted by the national tests for 11- and 14-yearolds, though the Blackstone lay pub-lishing division hit a dull retail market. In professional training new courses have been introduced and the company has training centres in Luter Reading and Southampton. One of the most encouraging signs of these results was the improved performance of the language training division. Linguaranta, restored to profit last year full wing disposals in Japan. Sales were up strongly at the interior stage thought artists remain tight. The UK, Prante and German centres performed well flough the ntre in Russia is not yet in profit. The weak link this half was acade-

mic education where profits were flat. Much will depend on enrolments in the new academic year which starts in Sep-tember and October, but BPP appears in good shape. The shares have risen from 178p two years ago to 383p; un-changed yesterday. With full year prof-its of £9.4m expected they trade on a forward rating of 17. That is not chean compared with expected earnings growth over the next two years of only about 10 or 11 percent a year and the shares look to have enjoyed the best

Bankers' body replaces panger panels with open plan

CITY DIARY JOHN WILLCOCK

That exciting hub of activity, the British Bankers' Association, is uprooting itself after 50 years in wood-panelled City offices and moving to

trendy new open-plan premi es in Old Broad Street. The BBA, which represenis over 300 British and overseas banks, moved to its old building in Lombard Street, sandwiched between Lloyds Bank's head office and a post office, in 1947.

This made it very convement for the current chairman of the BBA, Sir Brian Pitman, who is also chairman of Lloyds Bank.

But now the lease has run out. On the floor below the BBA the library of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, which if anything has even more wood panelling, has also been forced to move, this time to Number 90

Bishopsgate.
The old BBA building used to be the hub of the City's entire cheque clearing operation, with a fleet of kttle grey electrically powered vans whisking piles of paper to the basement where they were sorted.

The Chartered histitute's boardroom upstairs has a series of giant murals depicting the "arts and industries" of Great Britain, as well as stained glass, all made at about the time of the Festival of Britain in 1953, and all in a similar ansterity style. The Museum of London is interested in saving them. Courts. the top-drawer private bank now owned by Nat West, will probably end up occupying most of the building. The best thing about the murals was that they were something to look at during the BBA's meffably dull briefings on EMU and the like. less bohemian Accounting So Anf Wiedersehen then, Standards Board. Richard Karl Goeltz, the

So convenient: Sir Brian Pitman (left) with banking chums

finance director who came into NatWest Bank at its nadir four years ago, and leaves Lord Alexander's ship as it looks in better shape Mr Goeltz is returning to

his native America to take up a juicy appointment at American Express, where he will be vice-chairman as well as keeping the accounts in order.

The 53-year-old pipe-smoking, Latin-quoting financier plunged into London life with gusto when he arrived. He become a goverpor of the Sadler's Wells Foundation, just as the north London opera house was em-

As Peter White, the larger than life chief executive of Alliance & Leicester Building Society, prepares to convert the Society to pic status, he has recruited a high-profile director of strategic marketing from Lioyds TSB. Tim Pile, 43, began his career at an advertising agency DMB&B in 1974 and moved to pragency Dewe Rogerson in 1989 as managing director, advertising. All fids should suit Mr White, one of the more publicity conscious of the mutual heads. Mr Pile will take up his job in Leicester next autumn, with the priority being to unity marketing for three divisions; personal financial services, direct

barking on an expensive re-building programme. He also had time to join the slightly

The finance whiz is also of German ancestry, as his name suggests, and is a director of the New Germany Fund, set up to help the process of ...

Mr Goeltz will still be busy pack in New York, where he sits on a committee at the Federal Reserve Bank. He is also an "overseer" of Columbia Business School in Manhattan, where he did his

But will Mr Goeltz still be allowed to smoke his beloved pipe in the hyper-health-concious US?

What no self-respecting Archbishop should be without: the church of St Edward the Confessor in Dinghouses, York, carried an advert in its latest parish magazine for "the St Edward peo, priced at £2.50. It is a high quality, twist-action ballpoint pen in burgundy with god trim and lettering. God trim, ch? Verily, the mind boggleth. They meant "gold trim", of course:

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Trafalgar is costly for Kvaerner that the company's objectives **MAGNUS GRIMOND** would be achieved. Action had been taken to co-ordinate busi-The Norwegian conglomerate ness streams". He said: "We aim to be the global leader in engi-

financial services and corporate banking. Mr White will remain in his delightful offices overlooking flyde Park in London.

Kvaerner yesterday blamed this year's £904m acquisition of Trafalgar House, the British shipping to engineering group, for a crash in first-half profits.

The purchase, which made Kvaerner the world's largest shipbuilder, helped to more than halve the pre-tax profits from NKr1.6bn (£161m) to NKr706m (£71.3m) in the six months to June.

Chief executive Erik
Toenseth admited the figures year." The results, though, would be strongly affected by the rate of non-core asset disposals, he added. Kværner has already sold some of the Trafalgar House assets, but others, such as troubled cruise company Cumard, are stillfor sale.

Mr Toenseth said there were "sound reasons" for optimism latest round in its industrial spy

neering and construction."

Kvaerner's construction unit has been hit by heavy competi-tion in the UK market which has offset profits overseas, particularly in Hong Kong. There were also deficits in mechanical engineering and Cunard.

But other areas of the former Trafalgar House empire were brighter. Kvaerner John Brown, Toenseth admited the figures were disappointing, but said:
"We're believing in better results for the second half of the while the order backlog stood at NKr10.5bn (£1.1bn). There were also positive results from Trafalgar House's offshore activities, and Kvaerner Davy,



Erik Toenseth: optimism based on co-ordinating business

case involving Kvaerner Davy. The High Court in London threw out an attempt by VAL an Austrian group, to lift an order (known as Anton Pillar) that had allowed Kvaerner to seize

documents from VAI's UK headquarters. Kvaerner claims that VAI and former Davy chief executive Roy Tazzyman had illegally obtained secret infor-

Daimler's cars are driving up profits

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The dark days seem to be over for Daimler Benz, Germany's biggest industrial group. After reporting a disastrous DM5.7bu (£2.5bn) loss in 1995, the maker of imany Mercedes cars is heading for net profits of about the German news marazine. Schrempp has instigated a radical restructuring programme. "We shed the two biggest loss-making units — Fokker (the Dutch aircraft maker) and AEG (electrical goods).— and cut the number of our divisions the German news marazine. While the group's troubled the German news magazine Der Spiegel. "We will report a profit for the first half of 1996," said Daimler spokesman

Roland Klein. According to Der Spiegel, Daimler made a first-balf net profit of DM700m and expects to make more than DM1bn for But commercial vehicle sales in the second half. The group reports interim results on 29

Since taking over as chief executive last year, Juergen Schrempp has instigated a rad-

While the group's troubled Daimler Benz Acrospace operations will report a loss of DM500m this year, the Mer-cedes-Benz car division is performing well. Mercedes expects to produce record output of more than 650,000 cars in 1996. Europe are sluggish. The trucks division is expected to show losses of about DM600m.

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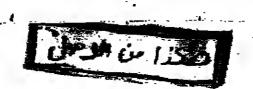
• Emess, the lighting group, is proposing to cancel the redemption rights of its convertible preference capital, citing the £62m cost if holders choose to exercise their option. The board blames the decision on continuing uncertainty over the financing of the redemption, due in 2003, which is hitting the ordinary share price. The fixed dividend of 6.25p is to be maintained, but preference bolders are to be compensated by cutting the conversion price from 128p to 55p. The group voiced optimism about the future, based on some recovery in the European consumer market, as it announced profits raised from £2.1m to £2.4m in the six months to June profits raised from £2.1m to £2.4m in the six months to June.

 CRH, the Irish building materials group, has revealed IR£55m of overseas capital expenditure projects and acquisitions. In the UK, the group has acquired a further 10 branches at a cost of IRES. Im for its Keyline Builders Merchants chain. It has spent IRES.1m for its Keyune Builders Merchanis cham. It has speni IRE23.5m in mainland Europe on businesses ranging from DIY outlets to an IRE10.5m large upgrade of a brick plant. Meanwhile, a further IRE26.1m has been earmarked for US operations, including pre-cast concrete products, a glass temperer and glass distributor and the IRE10.5m acquisition of another Utah aggregates, ready-mix and construction business.

Zeneca has lodged its Seroquel schizophrenia drug for approval by the UK authorities, the first submission in a large European market. The new treatment for acute and chronic psychoses has already been submitted to the US Food and Drug Administration for approval and further filings are expected over the next few weeks. Zeneca said the drug should play a "significant role" in the anti-psychotic market, currently estimated to be worth over £1bn a year and expected to grow to £2.5bn by 2000.

• Henderson Administration reported pre-tax profits up from £4.07m to £5.32m in the three months to June. The fund management group saw revenue jump from £16.1m to £18.8m, with earnings per share rising from 12.6p to 16.3p.

 Cantab Pharmaceuticals, the biotechnology group, has appointed Jurek Sikorski as its new chief executive. Mr Sikorski joins the group next mouth from a similar post at Proteus International.
The news came as Cantab unveiled pre-tax losses deepened from £3.54m to £3.7m in the six months to June.



Dangers behind the good news on house prices

very few days some new data emerges showing the Iwo of the inflationary outlook that are now facing the UK. On the one hand current inflation - that is the price of goods and services, whether measured at a wholesale or a retail level - is flat or declining. On the other hand asset inflation - measured by house prices, commercial property or share prices - is look-

ing perky.
Yesterday the news was flat wholesale prices, which dipped from 2.5 per ceot to 2.2 per ceot in July. The markets were taking this to suggest that the next set of retail prices would also he encouraging. This is going to go on. We are going to have good news on inflation at both the retail and the wholesale level for some months more. Virtually all the forecasters consistently over-estimated the level of inflation for the last three years, and there is no reason to suppose that there

is any change in sight.
In fact the figures will soon look
even better. Over the last 18 months the headline rate of inflation has fallen steadily, as the left-hand graph shows. Though so far the more representative measures, excluding mortgage interest payments and VAT and other taxes, have failed to make a make a corresponding decline, expect these too to come down in the coming

But this run of good news on cur-rent inflation will be set against a parallel string of stories about rising house prices. By the end of this year some forecasters, most notably Stephen Bell at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, reckon that house price in-

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a year. As he argued at the week-flation adds to demand, which in end in an article in the Independent on Sunday, there is more to come: by the end of next year price increases could be running at 10 per cent in the South-east. The sudden

spurt of house prices this year is shown in the right-hand graph. That is only one form of asset price; UK share prices this year (in contrast to those on Wall Street and most Continental markets) have not performed particularly well. But

turn puts pressure on prices.

Up to now virtually all the discussion about the dangers of asset inflation has been in these terms: leakage from one, supposedly benign form of inflation to another

mure malignant manifestation. A less obvious reason why it might matter is the social and commercial implications of a rise in asset prices. At a personal level, asset price inflation gives resources to the

Asset price inflation gives resources to the 'haves' at the expense of the 'have nots'

house prices in the UK are a par- "haves" at the expense of the "have ticularly important component of personal wealth, and in any case if of inheritance, the "have not yets". one takes a three-year view of UK share prices there has been considerable asset inflation there too.

This divergent movement of the two sorts of price raises a string of questions. The first is: does it maiter? An obvious reason why it might is the danger that asset price inflation will leak across to create current inflation. In the UK in the past it has done so, with the main mechanism being the additional demand created by strong house prices: partly equity take-out, part-ly purchase of consumer durables,

houses at the expense of first-time buyers. But they also have an intergenerational effect: they benefit the old at the expense of the young. Higher pensions (resulting from better performance of pension fund

ational transfer, from young to old, from workers to non-workers. A further effect of a rise in asset values is that, to some extent at least, this process adds to industrial costs, and benefits established companies partly simply the confidence that a at the expense of new ones. If office sset in- and industrial land costs rise, it is the

assets) similarly are an inter-gener-

fattest companies which benefit most - those with spare assets they can sell. So there is not just an inter-generational transfer between people; there is also an inter-generational transfer between companies, and arguably at least, a transfer from efficient companies (i.e. those without spare as-sets) to less efficient ones.

Even worse than this, asset inflation may encourage poor investment decisions. We still think of investment as money put into physical entities: factories, office blocks, plant and machinery, computer systems. We do not think of it as training of workers, improving the quality of service, or building a loyal customer hase. But in the longterm prosperity of many busine investment in intangibles like this is becoming much more important than building a new plant. The trouble with asset inflation is that it encourages investment in the wrong sort of things: office blocks which the investor hopes will go up in value rather than improved customer relations which will, more slowly, increase profits.

The argument which is seldom made is the case for lower asset prices. Virtually all the discussion about the fall in house prices which took place in the UK has been in terms of the impact on those with negative equity. There has been far less attention paid to the benefit to young people who have found new homes more affordable than for a generation. Virtually all the discussion about the collapse of com-mercial property values has been on the negative impact on the lending banks, rather than the creation of cheap factory and office accommodation for new husinesses - not that the banks with negative equi-

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tracted as much sympathy as homeowners in the same plight.

But in any real sense asset inflation is almost as corrosive as current inflation. You can see this best by looking at societies which have experienced asset booms, the best example perhaps being Japan. There, the juxtaposition of zero current inflatioo and inflated property prices has greatly prolonged the recession: only now, four or five years after the rest of the world, is Japan back in growth.

To say all this is not to claim that the UK faces the same scale of problem. Clearly it does not. Rather it is to say that, first, we should be just as worried about a surge in house and/or share prices as a rise in current inflation. Second, the leakage of one form of inflation into the other may be the less important facet of the problem than the distorting impact of higher asset prices. And third, asset price inflation has grave social and economic consequences which are frequently overlooked

In the coming months there will be a string of "good news" stories. particularly related to house prices. Fewer and fewer people will be in negative equity; housing activity will rise; people will feel richer. There will be very few stories about the effect rising house prices are having nn people not yet on the housing ladder, and fewer still about the inefficiencies as companies invest in physical assets rather than human ones. Welcome the good news on the retail price index. while it lasts; but take with a pinch of salt any "good" news on the price of property, and see just who is ben-efiting and who is being disadvan-

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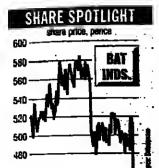
# Payout on judgment day leaves BAT at low for year

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BAT Industries, the tobacco giant, suffered the predictable battering following the unex-pected US court ruling award-

ing a lung cancer sufferer \$750,000 damages. The shares crashed 8.8 per cent to 464p, lowest for more than a year. Yet around a quarter of the fall had nothing at all to do with the US judgment. The tobacco giant went ex-dividend which wiped 12.5p from the price before a share was traded.

Even so BAT finished at its lowest of the day, reflecting the stock market's unease about the US verdict.

There are undoubted worries that the setback could, with BAT facing more than 200 such cases, open the floodgates with the tobacco industry finding it difficult to contain the legal turmoil.

The only other case that the

tobacco barons lost was sub-

peal. And BAT is clearly confident it will emerge victorious when its appeal against the lat-

est ruling is heard. But the legal setback will undermine sentiment and must prolong the tortuous battle between the cigarette makers and cancer sufferers. It must also strengthen the case for BAT to rejoin the demerger trend, floating off its financial services group, leaving the tobacco operations to stand and fight alone. After all, it embraced the demerger culture when, after the failed Sir James Goldsmith-inspired bid, it hived off its Arjo Wiggins Appleton paper side and the

Argos stores business.

BAT was not the only blue chip to suffer from dividend

payments. Seven FT-SE shares went exdividend, wiping almost 11 points from Footsie. Biggest fall was the responsibility of



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for 3.9 points; BAT's cut was

But for the dividend stripping, Footsie would have achieved a modest gain. In the event it fell 7.4 points to 3,803.3. The supporting FT-SE 250 interest gained 7.4 to 4,331.9 - its ninth gain on the trot. The reappearance of lower interest rate hopes helped sentiment, particularly among retailers.

Electricities were discomforted by a Houston Industries takeover strike. Unfortunately, the Americans, seen as the big candidate to launch a bid for a UK group, have looked elsewhere, paying \$2.4bn for

East Midlands Electricity fused 12p to 593p and York-shire Electricity 12p to 727p. National Grid also failed to generate much enthusiasm, at least until towards the close. At one time the shares were down

Fears Professor Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator, will today produce tough new controls did the damage. But then some investors took the view the fall had been overdone and the shares ended

5.5p to a new low.

with a 1p gain at 175.5p. British Gas fell 4p to 198.5p although Ofgas proposals, due later this week, are expected to be much less draconian than at

Takeover talk returned to lift ing the opposite of a profit warning results, it said, would Pearson 13p to 660p and J Sainsbury's US ambitions and its increased UK market share produced a 4p gain to 399p. New issue Somerfield gave up 2p to 157p.

Grand Metropolitan, 5.5p firmer at 456p, edged towards its year's high. The shares were awakened by the Guinness takeover fiasco which appears to have concentrated attention on the vulnerability of the food and drink group. There have long been rumours of a leveraged bid, if one should appear it could prompt the food and drink demerger Grandmet admits that it has

considered After a long, ragged reverse Antonov, the gearbox designer moved into higher gear on talk of an investment presentation. The shares rose 15p to 65p. Scott Pickford, a maker of materials testing machinery. had the distinction of produc-

be better than expected. The shares scored the day's best gain, up 36 per ceot to 45p. Chemical Design made an im-pressive AIM début, Placed by stockbroker Durlacher at 110p,

the shares closed at 133p. Emess, the lighting and fire protection group, firmed to 34p following a 9 per cent trading profit gain and a move to remove the drag of the group's preference shares.

Full redemption of the preference, issued to fund acquisitions in 1988, would cost £60m. The group has made them irredeemable and lowered the conversion from 128p to 55p; the price gamed 5.25p

to 80.5p.
Yorkshire Foods produced an after-hours statement saying it knew of no reason for a 7p gain to 72p. And to rub salt into the buying it forecast lower second-half profits.

Tom Cobleigh, the pubs chain where the big share-

TAKING STOCK

holder is looking for the exit, gained 15p to 223p. European Acquisition Capital, which backed the group when it was lannched, has appointed Hambros to handle the sale of its 50 per cent interest. A trade sale or a placing among institutions are the options being considered.

SkyNet, the Ofex wonder share, has postponed its move to AIM, due this week, as the Securities and Futures Anthority probes, in an "in-formal review", dealings in its shares. After June's introduction the price surged from 27.5p to 275p. There has been comment about possible share sales and the ownership of the group's vehicle tracking system has been

questioned. SkyNet had

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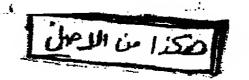
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about yesterday, when he won on his comeback ride here. But during the empty six months after the race-riding accident in Hong Kong that almost took his life, the jockey rarely imagined the winners' enclosure. Swinburn just thought of the simple pleasure of competing on a racehorse. He now realises the world would be a great wilderness if he did not enjoy the port. "What this has all shown me is that I'm lost without racing," he said. "I need it."

It took Swinburn some time

Racing

RICHARD EDMONDSON

Walter Swinburn had dreamed

reports from Windsor

to wake up after Liffey River had catapulted him through the Sha Tim rails in February. He had desperate injuries to his head, shoulder and ribs, and there is still evidence of that dreadful day on his body. He would have died with his lungs full of blood if the hospital had been another five minutes away from the racecourse. Yesterday. Swinburn's eyes opened more easily, like a child's on Christmas morning. "I was excited,"

he said. "I was up at five o'clock and I went out for a walk." Swinhurn has the elfin looks and soft tones that have led to a sobriquet of "the Choirboy". Yet he was 35 last week and whust be as tough as a ship's sides to have recovered from Hong Kong. Until recently he has displayed the sort of haircut some associate with Greenham Common. Bul the coiffure was more luxuriant when he arrived yes-

BATH

2.30 Sharp Shuffle 3.00 Oneknight With You

3.30 Hill Farm Dancer

terday, in an ensemble of green checked shirt, blue blazer and fawn slacks. You could tell something was up because he checked in at 1.57, which is normally the time he turns up for the 2.00. His first appointment back, however, was in the 3.30 on Talathath.

When Swinburn emerged for combat it was in quartered dark and light blue livery. His boots were shiny enough for a drill, but then he has had plenty of time to polish them. He was sixth in the riders' echelon, and adjusted his whip to the vertical to acknowledge the ap-plause that met him as he left the weighing room.

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Sharp Shuffle (Bath 2.30) NB: Desert Challenger (Southwell 3.45)

Then came the Swinburn walk, the sort of bow-legged gait you expect in a cowhand who has just finished a cross-state cattle drive and is heading for the hot tub.

Talathath, in his vivid blue visor, threw his head around extravagantly as he transported the day's focal point out on to the course. After that he was no trouble at all. The gelding was in third place for much of the race and was produced a furlong

out to win by a length and a half.
By the end, Talathath was sweating, and so was Swinburn. "I got a bit tired, but all in all I was well pleased with my fitness," he said. "I'm hlowing and

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GOINE: Good
STALLS: Straight – far side; round course – inside.
ORAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-band, galoping course. Four furiong run-in bends to the left and is upbill.

Recoourse is 2m NW of city near A431, Bath station 2m. ADMISSION: Clob \$12
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A EADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: P Cole = 21 winners from 114 runners at a fibile of 18.4% giving a remm in a S1 level stake of -S12.10; R Chariton = 15 winners, 37 ranners, 49.5%, +S11.40; R Hammon = 15 winners, 134 runners, 11.2%, -S39.10; M

BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Sobeloved (2.00), Imposing Time (4.00).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN OATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Call Me I'm Blue (4.00) sent 236 miles from N Tinkler's Langton stable in North Yorkshire.

2.00 AUGUST SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 5yds Penalty Value £2,472

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MOROCCO, besten two and a half lengths by market leader Trage Hero in this a year ago, can go one bester. Mick Channon's seven-year-old has finished unplaced in his three races ence withing at Salisbury in May but did not do badly when fifth of 16 to Pointer on the since withing at Salisbury in May but did not do badly when fifth of 16 to Pointer on the since withing at Salisbury in May but did not do badly when fifth of 16 to Pointer on the since track next time. Followithe Allistans showed improved form in first-time blinkers when same track next time. Followithe allistans showed improved form in first-time blinkers when Selection: MOROCCO

2.30 MR.E MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 5yds Penalty Value £2,898

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running Multi Franchise to a neck at Brighton a week ago.

4.30 Biazing Castle

a return to a S1 level stake of -S12.10; & Chariton = 15 winners, \$11.40; & Hannon = 15 winners, 13.19 cmarcs, 11.2%, -S39.10; M s, 118 rounders, 11.2%, -S14.57; & Hedges = 11 winners, 14.39 rad-J Dunlop = 10 winners, 47 restocrs, 21.3%, -S15.50; & HHSs = 10.276. -S75.57

5.00 Taufan Boy



Glad to be back: Walter Swinburn celebrates his perfect comeback at Windsor yesterday

my legs went a bit, but I thought it was going to be worse than that to tell you the truth."

The applause in the winners' enclosure again came easily and no one seemed to mind that Cape Pigeon, the mount of Lanfranco Dettori and the main danger up the straight, had hardly been punished to the very edge of his life. The stew-

ards inquired into this but declined to rewrite the fairy stary. It might be unworthy, yet useful. to suggest one of the best systems in racing is to back jockeys on either their comeback or retirement rides.

Swinburn was, and may still be, a member of racing's version of the brat pack, a man who is seldom stumped for thoughts

when prospective parties are discussed. But he certainly talks a different game these days. He prayed at daybreak vesterday. I just asked to make sure the day went well and, if He thought I was worthy of it, to give me a winner, but, if not, so be it," he said.

There was some dissent over

Hamilton, Milenight Speat, a creamance round or say us the contract of a course day after striking form at Begriton, should again be prominent. Milliestine went in over course and distance 3.3 months ago for his only win to date but he's difficult to fancy, having run needs in both ment that season.

Selection: WALK THE BEAT

FORM GUIDE were been at backing form and I CANT REMEMBER can supplement Chester victory of rare days ago. The Petrong guiding had got off the mark when warrang eller at Catterick last month, following with two seconds while he was a good fourth of

a select at Cottenck last month, following with two seconds while he was a good fourth of 13 behind Young Bigwig in 8 Goodwood nursery on his seconds while he was a good fourth of 13 behind Young Bigwig in 8 Goodwood nursery on his penultimate start. The selection car confirm test months form with Bidwing Castle, four and a neit lengths behind her where they were second and seventh (of len) to Osomental at Lecesser and 13th better in Blazing Castle ran Skyrus Flyer to a neck at Bigston a week ago. Massonati Month, who got the

triey were second and several for leng to Osonerma at Lecester and 1.3tb better in. 1821; on g Castle ran Skyers Flyer to a neck at Brigation a week ago. Maeserath Morial, who go to in the final stride to score at Langleid in May and was ounclassed against Verglas in the Covernment of Asson, can figure despite to to weight. Bold Sparing led briefly at the such though marker when third behind Mr Bombashque at Chopstow - Chilling sorth and clearn held - and, being lightly raced, should progress. What Vappage of Wes only scraped home in auction maden at Beverley but must go on the shortlist getting weight from rest and with Fergal Lynch taking off 3lb.

Selection: I CANT REMEMBER

5.00 ROYAL CRESCENT HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 3f 144yds Penalty Value £3,644

- B declared BETTHME: 3-1 Tappeto, 7-2 Pletol, 4-1 Newport Height, 6-1 Fabulous Mitoto, 7-1 Taufam Swy, 8-1 La
Pallogriss, Micr-Tab, 16-1 Platieum Pless
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PORTOR GUIDE

PISTOL comes here in good heart and can dely top weight. Con Horgan's six-year-old is having his best season and notched and can dely top weight. Con Horgan's six-year-old is having his best season and notched a hat-mok when leading on the bit a furiong out to defeat subsequent scorer Askern a length over course and distance last morth. Pistor was beston only three parts of a length by Shrapical under a Sib penalty at Ascol and, oo that effort, has nothing to fear from Taudian Boy, who finished more than seven lengths sorth in seventh of 12 and has only a Sib advertisgs. However, Newport Kalight and Tappage must both be feurad, especially the former, who is on as hat not and can confirm sepanority with Pabelous Mitoto, whom he best almost three lengths into bouth at Windsor two weeks ago and meets on 4th worse terms. Tappetto finished unplaced in his first four races this season but showed signs of rebunding to top form when running Reaganeque to a length and a quarter under 9st 12th at Chepstow, conceding lumps of weight to the winner. His stable scored with Sharp Consul at Windsor yesterday.

Selection: PISIO,

Irish trainer Paddy Burke was yesterday fined £5,000 for fail-

ing in run Mister Munnelly on his merits. At an inquiry at the Irish Turf Club, the stewards also decided in ban the horse from

racing for 60 days. Their actions came after Mister Munnelly appeared to show hugely-improved form when landing a gamble

at Leopardstown last month. The three-man stewards' panel were investigating Mister Munnelly's performance with reference to

the rules dealing with horses not being allowed to run on their merits. They found that Mister Munnelly had shown "significantly

#### Photograph: Robert Hallam

hurn will carry throughout his career, and the time it took the iockey to convince the authorities that he was fit to return. These grumbles, however, were washed away by the excitement of a working life reborn. "The biggest thrill was just riding," he aid. "And coming in and seeing the boys in the weighing the weight problem that Swin-room. I need racing.

Rugby League

# Mindrace returns to the scene of his single success so tar, getting up close home to master White Emir half a rengis times weeks ago under today's claimer Martin Dwyer, Ken kopy's charge run well next time which chasing home previous scorer Clan Chief at more than two lengths of Sandown but might agent find one too good this time in WALK THEE BEAT, for whom Richard Quarn is an interesting booking. Martyn Meade's six-year old gained consecutive without Richard Quarn is an interesting booking. Martyn Meade's six-year old gained consecutive without at all the was a close-up thrift behind Cheep Cymnes at Kempton lagt week. Northern chellenger Stilk Cottage has been guring well since his Musseburgh success lest month, most recently just being outgurned by Tropical Beach when favourite at Hamaton. Midnight Spell, a recidiable fourth of say for Phitraches July at Yarmouri last Thursday after Striking form at Branton, should again be prominent. Millegatine went in over course

The Great Britain coach, Phil Larder, will today name a 32man squad to tour Papua New

Andy Farrell will become the youngest-ever tour captain and he will have around him the bulk of the side that won the European Champlonship for England this year.

who to leave out.

Stuart Spruce of Bradford

#### Portsmouth job Football As Lee Sharpe completed his £4.5m transfer from Manches-RUPERT METCALF

**Venables starts** 

Terry Venables returned to the training ground yesterday as he started work as director of foolball at the beleaguered First Division club, Portsmouth.

After turning down Offers to take his talents abroad, the former England cnach has joined a club which is losing £7,600 per day and has a bank overdraft of £1.6m. However, Venables denies that he is to pump funds into Pompey.

Tve done that before, and I got hurt," the former Tottenham manager said. "I was told that there are investors waiting to put money in, but that hasn't nappened yet. They were probably waiting to see if I actually joined the club."

"The situation is that I'm in control of the club," Venables added. "People have asked me why I chose Portsmnuth. The answer is I wanted to enjoy myself for a change. I've had enough of all the pressure and I want to have some fun. I'll take training a couple of times a week and get to as many matches as possible." He also said that the jobs of the club's manager, Terry Fenwick, and his coaching staff are not under threat.

ler United to Leeds, another member of last season's Old Trafford squad was on the move. The highly rated striker Jovan Kirovski, who impressed for the United States at the Atlanta Olympics, is joining Borussia Dortmund in the Burtdesliga after the Department of Employment refused to give him a new work permil.

Dani, the Portuguese Under-21 international who joined West Ham on loan from Sporting Lisbon last term, has moved to the Dutch champions, Ajax, for a reported fee of £2m.

Ivann Bonetti, the former Grimsby Town midfielder, has issued a High Court writ against the club and its manager. Brian Laws, in an attempt to win damages for the incident involving Laws at Luton in February which left the Italian nursing a broken cheek-bone.

Bonetti, who has since moved to Tranmere Rovers, has had two operations and is likely to require further surgery to remove a damaged nerve. In May, the Football Association charged Laws with misconduct over the incident, but the hearing has been postponed pendme the outcome of Bonetti's civil case.

#### Larder's hard choice

DAVE HADFIELD

Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand this autumn. As ever, it will contain a couple of dozen names that anyone could have predicted, a handful of contentious choices and one or two out-and-out oddities. First, the certainties, Wigan's

There are positions - like full-

has done enough to make a suc-cessful hid at full-back, while a versatile player like Sheffield's Keith Senior, who can play centre, wing or second row, might recommend himself sufficiently. In other positions, the options

are more restricted and the complications more apparent. Should Larder take Martin Offiah, for instance, when the player might prefer to be playng union with Bedford? Not if there were alternatives available, but, with the shining exception of Jason Robinson. Offiah remains the country's most accomplished winger. And then there is the lestyn

Harris question. He is unlikely lo play again this season - alback, centre, hooker and back row-where Britain is relative-are in dispute with him rather e ower way around will be the luxury of deciding he is Britain's best stand-off by

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football 7.30 unless stated SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP SECONO ROUND Airthie v Reith Rovers .... Brechin City v Hilbernian, Dunden v Dumbarte East Fife v St Johns Falkrik v Albion Row

Morton v Hamilton
Kilmannock v Ayr Utol
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Kilmannock v Albos (7.45)
Partick Thietie v Forter Athletic
Queen's Park v Aberdean
St Mirres v Bereick Rangiors
Stirling Albioe v Dendee Utol
PRE-SELSON PRENDAISS (Selected): Monchester Ltd v Internacionale (8.0); Aldershot
v Malwali (7.45); Altrancham v Huddersheld

(7.0); Aylesbury v Luton Town; Bognor Regis v Portsmouth; Crawley v Crystal Palace; Dagenham & Regiondije v Leyton Onent; Erdeld v Bournemouth (7.45); Calresborough Transly v Chesterfield: Hendon v Barmer; Hornchurch v Charlton; Hucknall v Mansfeelt Town (7.0); Lancaster v Burnley; Martices Blackstone v Peterborough Utd.; North Fernby v Barnsley; Northampton v Areen (7.45); Northampton v Areen (7.45); Northampton v Areen (7.45); Northampton v Searborough; Morthampton Cry XI; Trovbordor v Searborough; Morthampton Cry XI; Trovbordoe v Samdon; Maton Albon v Luerpool XI; Wycombe v Barnangham City (7.45).

Other sports GOLF: Irish Amateur Championship (Royal County Down). BOWLS: Women's World Outdoor Champion-ship (Learnington Spa).

#### TODAY'S NUMBER

13,020,000 The total in pounds of the Manchester United wage bill

last season, the highest in the Premiership. Torquay United, who finished bottom of the Football Lesgue, had a wage bill of £575,000.



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FORM GUIDE

SHARP SHUFFLE is a strong tarry to gain a well element first success. Twice narrowly beaten at Newmarket in October - first by stablemete Domettes in a 27-runner race and then
by Polar Spirit - Richard Hannon's has also found one too good in his two most recent races.
Sharp Shuffle was five lengths shead of the third when finding Eurobox Boy a length too
good at Newmarket in July and went under half a length behard Budby at Epoart, holding a
clear lead approaching the furiong pole but, being unsufed by the upfull finish, just finding
to last home. Sharp Shuffle is on 20st here but leading apprentice Dane Official bases off
3th and, although faced by 17 mals, they do not really amount to much. Perhaps the pick
of them will be Gooseberry Pie, unplaced in her first three starts before running third for
ax) to Salmis and Charlie Chang when featurities at Nothingham two weeks ago and open to
improvement. Little Kenny, who ran on to take the million placing behind Queen O'S Shanimprovement, Little Kenny, who ran on to take the minor placing behind Queen Of Stan-non in a Windsor seller ten days ago, goes off the same string here and can again reach a place. Bath Knight is another who deserves a change of tuck after having been placed se-eral times, though his latest efforts are far from encouraging. Selection: SHARP SHUFFLE

3.00 MENDIP MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added

MENDIP MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,750 added 270 fillies 5f 11yds Penalty Value £3,448	4.30 NUNNEY NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2) 5f 161yds Penalty Value £3,090
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NUSCATANA held every chance at the two-furtong marker on her introduction here five weeks ago but fost all chance when hampered a furtong our, being eased and finefining ninth of 11.

In Silver Pures. Bany Hills' fifty, who was very easy to back that day - she went from 5-2 to 6-1 - is certain to progress and can turn around the form with Onednight With You, who fished third, beaten a short-head and a neck. Onelinght With You, who was having her third outling that day, followed with a fifth to Frank the Fitche in a Goodhood nursiny. Muscatana might have more to fear from Bold Titna, one of the favourities when a longth-and-a-quarter second behand Head Over Reels on her debut at Chepstow last month and third for four) to subsequent Princess Margiset winner Seebe and the colt Assume at Sandown. Blues Queen as another with good claims. She followed her promising Newbury debut third to Song Of Silve with a two-length fourth behind Cherokee Flight when a hot favourite at Not rangham.

3.30 BBC RADIO BRISTOL HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 1f 34yds Penalty Value £3,508

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FORM GUIDE.

Chuckdestone's seven course wan sixubd a neck defeat of proids scorer Star Rage in the corresponding race in 1994. Chucklestone heart visited the winner's enclosure since but ran wat to finish fourth, at less trian four lengths, to Paradise Novy (winner since) here three weeks ago on only his second appearance this season, staying on towards the finish. However, BOLD CLASSIC, ten years Chucklestone's junior and a progressive type, must be the choice. Join Durkiphs charge, 1.1 lengths cloor of the third when beaton fine lengths by Hall Hoo Yaroom at Yarnouth in June, want one better in a madein handlage there trive weeks ago, keeping on strongly over the mile and threequariers after taking command at the two-living pole. HBF Farma Dameer won over an extended mile and three of this course less season and has twice scored over slightly further at Wolverhempton this year but she was bestern more then eight lengths when third (of five) behind Ressige! at Chester lest time. Ande Las Belle has been out of form for some time though she was not decrached the time before last when staying on into fifth behand Great Oration at Chester. Selection: BOLD CLASSIC

4.00 LUCKINGTON LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f 11yds Penaity Value £2,856

ESTING: 5-2 Mindrace, 7-2 Six Cotings, 4-1 Mindrack Spell, 5-1 Walk The Bent, 8-1 Imposing Thee, 12-1 Cell file The Bent, 8-1 Imposing Thee, 19-1 Cell file Theory Records 3 8 12 J Dennis 7-1 (M R Channon) 8 ran

2.15 Saint Bene't 2.45 Noblely 3.15 Chadleigh Walk 3.45 Desert Challenger 4.15 Trade Wind

GOING: Good GUNNG: GOOD

Fibresand surface; left-hand sintp, oval course.

Bacecourse is Sm SE of town and 5m W of Newark. Rolleston Junction adjoins course. ADMINSTON: Club S10; Tattessalls S6 (OAP members of course's Diamond Club S4, accompanied under-16s free). CAR PARK: Pres.

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- 7 declaret -BETTING: 5-2 Blue Raven, 7-2 Spanish Maza, 4-1 The Callegistusjer, 9-2 Saint Beart, 6-1 George Ashlord, 18-1 Quindi Crossett, 20-1 Ablinorius 2.45 SKEGNESS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,750 added 2m 4f 110yds

BETTME: 5-2 Nobboly, 3-1 Maggets Green, 7-2 The Country Trader, 4-1 Nocatchin, 5-1 Wales Up Lay

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Laser Light Lady (4.15). LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Blue Raven (2.15) & The Country Trader (2.45) sept 190 miles from P Hobba's Bibrook

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4.15 BRIGHTON SELLING HANDICAP HUROLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m 4f 110yds

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FROM ALDERSHOT TO ARSENAL

FOOTBALL: Personalities and procedures are downfall of Highbury manager with respectable record. Glenn Moore reports BRUCE RIOCH:

# Rioch at odds with the system

be a starter indicab in that, in football, contracts are worthless. Barely a fortnight

after Bruce Rioch finally signed his, after a year's vacillitating, he is sacked. Quite a reward for taking over a club in turmoil, partially reshaping an ageing team and steering it to a place in Europe and the Coca-

In the event, those achievements mattered not. This dismissal is about personalities and procedure, out performance. Its roots predate Rioch's arrival being based in the murky relationship between George Graham. Rioch's predecessor, and Rune Hauge, the Norwe-gian ageot. The skulduggery which brought Graham down meant that Rioch took over a job with very different parameters to any of his English counterparts. Transfer oegotiations were conducted by the board,

not by the manager.

Given the circumstances of Graham's dismissal this was unavoidable, but it does not appear to have worked. Many names were linked with High-bury, but after the initial arrival of Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, oone arrived. Even those two appeared to be overpriced; Platt has been a disappointment while last week Ken Bates, the Chelsca chairman, was quoted as saying he had been offered Bergkamp for more than £2m

less than Arsenal paid. Since theo quite a team has been assembled on the back pages of the tabloids - Frank de Boer, Graeme Le Saux, Robert Jami, Alan Stubbs, Bixeote Lizarazu, Jason McAteer, Paul Ince, John Moncur, Lee Bowyer, Tim Sherwood, Gary Dugarry, Les Ferdinand, Roberto Mancini, Attilio Lombardo, Jürgeo Klinsmann and

Even if half of these are un founded speculation, it is still quite a list - everyone except a goalkeeper. However, the only player actually signed was a reserve goalkeeper, John Lukic, on a free transfer from Leeds.

McAllister was offered to Rioch, and rejected, possibly on the grounds of age. Many of the rest were lost in the system, somewhere between Rioch asking the board to try and buy them and the board securing the deal. Rioch occasionally hinted at his unhappiness with the system and matters were not helped by an clash of personalities with David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman and the

main power at the cluh.

Dein and Rioch are very different people. Rioch is a believer in moral absolutes, a stern disciplinarian whose code is strongly influenced by his upbringing in a military family. Dein is a smoother figure, a business-man, football politician and socialite, Eveo under George Graham there were problems over Dein's hahit of cultivating friendships with players. Rioch's own relationship with

his players was chequered. He was a great support to Paul Merson as he continued his comeback from alcohol and gambling addiction, but had a difficult time with Ian Wright.

Problems simmered between the pair from the start and they came to a head in a blazing dressing-room row after Arsenal's FA Cup third-round defeat by Sheffield United. Wright later handed in a transfer request, which the board turned down oo Rioch's advice. Wright has recently published



his account of the period in a old habits and, too often, the

oew autobiography.
One of the problems between them was that Arsenal under Graham had become over-dependent oo Wright's ability to snaffle goals from long-ball football. Rioch attempted to update that style, introducing short passing and making Bergkamp the focus of the team.

To an extent it worked - Arsenal were regularly more attractive than in Graham's later

Bould, for years the defensive

bedrock, suffered serious injury. years. Attendances rose to an average 37,568, the third best in Platt, too, was rarely fully fit. the country. But too many players were being asked to change

team fell between styles.

Arsenal had begun better than expected, despite waiting seven games for Bergkamp to score. For a while they looked as if they might be cootenders, defeating Manchester United and being in the first three in December. But the old failing, a lack of midfield creativity, handicapped the side. Then both Tony Adams and Steve

February's Coca-Cola Cup defeat by Aston Villa ended

dreams of glory, although two late goals - from Platt and Bergkamp - secured a European place in the final game.

The opponents that day were Bolton, the club Rioch had forsaken to go to Highbury. Although he had left Boltoo, Bolton oever quite left Rioch his habit of holding Bolton's more limited players up as examples to Arsenal's selfconfident stars was not one to endear him to the likes of Wright, Neither could he recreate Bolton's family atmosphere, despite encouraging players to mix socially.

In the wake of his departure, some Arsenal fans have sug-gested Rioch was not "hig enough" for Arsenal, that perhaps a club like Bolton is his level. Yet he woo twice as many Scotland caps as Graham, captaining them in a World Cup and winning a championship medal with Derby. Wimbledoo have shown that even in the capital it is possible to build a family atmosphere if the players are willing. Maybe Rìoch took too long to discover which Arsenal players would not adapt. Or maybe not - he could hardly off-load ments. He was hig enough for Arsenal, and hard enough, but he was not enough of a politician. That is oot something that could be said of one of the candidates for the vacancy, Johan Cruyff, who conducted a running hattle with the equally strong-willed Barcelona board

Photograph: Peter Luckhurst

before finally being manoeuvred out last season. Terry Venables, oow installed at Portsmouth, would oot have taken kindly to interference from the board, not after his experiences at Tottenham. For Arsenal, it seems, the crisis may them until he bought replaceonly just have started.

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## If I had stopped only twice, I might have made a stronger challenge

If told in advance that I was go- to a Williams driver. Jacques ing to finish second in Sunday's Hungariao Grand Prix, regardless of what I did, theo I feel coolideot that I would have been satisfied that I finished in the best way possible by crossing the line less than a second behind my team mate, Jacques Villeneuve.

In order to achieve that result, I had to use every ounce of energy and strategy I had in me throughout the one hour and 46 minutes race.

I was pleased with my drive. The car drove beautifully throughout the 77 laps and, by placing first and second in Hungary, Jacques and I sec-ured this year's constructors' championship for the Roth-mans Williams-Renault team.

The entire team has worked at an unrelenting pace this season and deserve nothing less than to win this award. They have organised the season superbly and the equipment has been fantastic. I cannot praise them highly enough. This eighth constructors' ti-

tle, which equals Ferrari's record number of championships, will lift the spirits of the team to an even higher plane for the final four races. All that remains to be resolved this season, then, is the we know now will definitely go

is oot going to give me any respite between now and the eod of the season and, of course, I'm not about to surrender my lead without a fierce fight similar to the one we had on Sunday.

The one item I have to attend to is my starts. There is no question that the first few secoods of the race in Hungary proved very costly. Bad starts have caused me

problems in three races this year. I will be testing in Barcelona this week and most of my attention will be focused on improving that part of the equatioo; there is no question that starting is the weak link in an otherwise ex-

Sunday's race was a typical Hungarian Grand Prix, in that overtaking was almost impossible. After my bad start, I found myself in fourth place, stuck hehind the Benetton of Jean Alesi. I was capable of going two seconds a lap faster but I was simply unable to pass on such a tight and twisting circuit.

I found myself stuck behind him for the first 20 laps. On that basis, I was going to make just two pit stops. Wheo Alesi pulled in, I made the most of a clear track ahead of me to try to pull out some time oo the Benetton so that once my pit



DAMON HILL

come out ahead of him. But, to my dismay, when I rejoined after my pit stop, he just squeezed ahead of me and I was borrified to face the prospect of being trapped behind him for another 20-lap stint. I reckoned I would be lucky if I

finished third at that rate of go-

My only hope was that Alesi could be pressured into a mistake somewhere down the line: it came just after he passed a back-marker. Alesi went off the racing line on the pit straight, got dirt all over his tyres and, at the next corner, he slid wide and I managed to

nip through on the inside. Immediately, I was able to lap much faster and push harder in pursuit of Michael Schumacher's Ferrari and Jacques,

seconds ahead of me.

At that point, I thought I was still on a two-stop strategy, but then it turned out that I would be stopping three times. I assumed the team made the change in strategy because they were looking for ways of helping me get ahead of the Ferrari but, as I write, it is difficult for me to say exactly why the plan was altered.

After the race. I had to leave the circuit straight away to catch a flight to Bulgaria, so I did oot get a chance to discuss the race in detail. I tend to think that, had I only stopped twice and therefore not spent that extra 30 seconds in the pits, I might have been able to make an even better challenge

for the lead. Regardless of that, I drove as hard as I could and I was able to cut down the gap to Schumacher. That was my main objective because, at the time, I thought I had very little chance of getting near Jacques. I caught the Ferrari and, as soon as Michael had made his third and final stop, I was able to lap much faster during the six lans before my stop and I pulled out enough

to jump him in the pits. Now I had a clear track and I set off in pursuit of Jacques. I was within striking distance

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who was in the lead, about 30 with about six laps to go. Despite the pressure, he did a good job and he was able to hold on to his lead. I was always going to have a hard job finding a way past him oo that circuit, so, all in all, I was satisfied because I felt I had driven a

great race. The championship, as a result, is going to be more of a cliffhanger but I'm confident that I can produce more performances similar to Sunday's and to maintain my advantage right to the end of the season

I feel I have more in reserve should I need it. The Hungarian Grand Prix is always very tough, but I felt that I could have continued driving at that speed for another 10 laps or more after the race had finished. In fact, I wish it had gone on a hit longer, because I feel I could have pushed Jacques to the point of making a mistake.

The next grand prix is on the fast, wide open expanses of Spa-Francorchamps. The Bel-gian Grand Prix will be a dif-ferent proposition entirely but the competition will be just as

tough.

The drivers' championship looms, but there's no time for wishful thinking. I aim to continue striving to get on the top step of that podium. O Damon Hill Grand Prix Ltd Hill's frustration is world-class

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Damoo Hill goes testing in Barcelona later this week hoping to brush up on his starting technique and perhaps needing to smooth over a few ripples with his team.

The British driver was again sluggish leaving the line in Sun-day's Hungarian Grand Prix and had to settle for second place behind his Williams-Reoault team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, a result which narrowed the gap hetween them in the world champi-onship to just 17 points. Hill could not contain his frustration, questioning his clutch system and his crew's decision to opt for a three-stop strategy when

he preferred two. All this oo a day when Williams reaffirmed their preeminence in Formula One, and a maximum score in this race completing a record-equalling eighth constructors' championship success. Little wonder the comments of their senior driver had team personnel squirming.

Williams conceded they had to sharpen their act for this season and overall they have undeniably done development acknowledged by Hill during the meeting here. He has criticised them in public before and they did not appreciate it. They are likely to be

still less impressed this time.
It has to be said that man management has not been one

then they take the view this is a man's game and they do oot go for the arm-around-the-shoulder approach. They are particularly disinclined to embrace whingers. Williams' first world champion, Alan Jones, an Australian as hard as Ayres Rock, was their kind of driver. Keke

Rosberg, too. And the ever mischievous Nelson Piquet. You sense Villeneuve might fall into that category. He is patently not overawed or intimidated in his first season of Formula One. He is cool and confident, yet has no airs or graces; a regular Jacques the lad. He accepts victory and defeat with equal self-restraint: no hig deal, no big drama.

The contrast with Hill is glaring. The 35-year-old, sensitive and intelligeot, has endeavoured to improve his image and to that end hired a public relations consultant. Over the weekend here, however, he seemed more tense than for some time and his response to questioning betrayed as much The old persecution complex

appeared to have snared him. It is possible negotiations for a new contract have deepened his anxiety. The grapevine sug-gests Frank Williams, who has on offer by far the best car, is unwilling to pay Hill more money next season. This latest airing of grievances by the championship leader can scarcely serve to strengthen his negotiating position with his boss.

Williams. He would interpret that as further proof of the car's superiority. In any case, he is guaranteed the drivers' award already. Whether it goes to Hill or Villeneuve is of scant

consequence to him. Hilf's best chance of a rise is to extract it from the team's major sponsor, Rothmans, or their engine partners, Recault, who are keen to have the No 1 on their car oext season. If Villeneuve is champion, of course, the problem is solved. The Canadian is under contract for an-

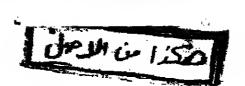
These considerations and others will exercise Hill's mind this week. He should, above all, remind himself he again proved he was faster than his teammate here and in fact drove extremely well, pushing hard without ever exposing himself to the ragged edge. He still has a healthy advantage with only four races remaining.

He says he feels he deserves to be champion and at the moment that is so. Seven wins to three testifies to his general command of the duel with Villeneuve. If Hill loses it oow he will deserve that fate, too. It would be a capitulation on the scale of Newcastle United's

But that should not come into Hill's thinking. He needs only a clear head, a steady hand on the tiller, and a modicum of circumspection. The goodwill of his team at this stage would not

The Final of the NatWest Trophy is only a day away.

NatWest More than just a bank



# Perry learns lesson from talking himself out of a title

Kenny Perry sat in a television commentary box, effectively rerouting on his own dernise as the conty Mark Brooks equalled it. Steve Elkington came up short, had time. I misjudged that. I only Mark Brooks equalled it. 78th US PGA Championship reached its climax at Valhalla. Although he thought be would be involved in a play-off. Perry spent more than half an hour glued to a microphone, so when he was required to play again,

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he was ill-prepared.
The 36-year-old from Franklin, Kentucky, had 8 twoshot lead playing the 18th in the final round but bogeyed the parfive hole and had a long wait to see if anybody could match, or beat, his aggregate of 277, 11 un-

rolling in a four-foot putt at the 18th for a hirdie, a stroke that Perry was commenting on from a CBS television booth overlooking the green,

Because of the demands of television, the sudden death play-off was held almost immediately after Brooks had made his putt to get to 11 under. "I asked the officials if I had time to go and hit some balls and at first they said yes," Per-ry said. "I took off for the practice range and then they grahbed me and said: 'No you der par. As Vijay Singh and can't. I thought I would have While Brooks had the measure

er too long watching them play the last few holes. Maybe I let my mind wander. I don't know. moment. I learned a good les-

son, I guess. It's a hard one." Perry had said he had shot a "dream round" of 68, but with the hopes of 30,000 Kentuckians resting on his shoulders, the scenario quickly became a nightmare. The advantage was clearly with Brooks and Perry's cause was not befped when he discovered that he had to return to the 18th for the play-off.

Tim Glover watched as Mark Brooks took the US PGA championship from under the nose of Kentucky's favourite

four times out of five. Perry was

left to reflect not only on his in-

ability to hit the fairway on the

last hole on Sunday but on his

performance there in the sec-

ond round. After being warned

about slow play, he missed a

three-foot putt.

I was probably caught up in the of the 540-yard hole, Perry had Brooks had birdied the 18th

bad memories of it. Having taken a six there in the final round, missing an eight-foot putt that would have won him his first major, he made a complete hash of it in the play-off, becoming entangled in the bluegrass rough on the left of the fairway.

Brooks, from Fort Worth, He reached the green in five Texas, appeared to be the calmest man at Valhalla on strokes to Brooks's two and af-Sunday evening. He became the ter the Texan recorded another birdie four, Perry picked op. third player to win his first ma-

jor championship this season, following Steve Jones in the US Open and Tom Lehman in the Open. The last 16 majors have been won by 15 different players, with only Nick Price getting his name on two of the trophics.

"It was kind of a week of streaks for me." Brooks said. He had tied for 16th in the US Open, ried for fifth in the Open at Lytham and had two US Tour victories this season. "I'm a bit of a plodder." He plodded through the 11th,12th and 14th here with bogeys. "Kenny had got to 12 under and I was back to nine and it was looking bleak at that point," Brooks said.

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# Last pair thwart Leicestershire

Cricket

MICHAEL GOUGE reports from Swansea Leicestershire 536 & 231-7dec Glamorgan 433 & 299-9 Glamorgan drew with Leics

Leicestershire's attempt to rewain the leadership of the Championship was frustrated by a resilient Glamorgan who, set 335 to win in what turned out to be 86 overs, ended an absorbing day at Swansea on 299

for 9 to earn a laudable draw. When Phil Simmons declared Leicestershire's second innings at 23t for 7 after 15 overs yesterday morning, Glamorgan were left contemplating a difficult decision. To refuse the challenge would be cowardly but the pitch was taking spin and to

accept it could prove costly. It was not a match Glamorgan were prepared to throw away; to have done so would have been to negate the sterling work of Anthony Cottey and Ottis Gibson on Saturday when

#### Malcolm spearheads **Derbyshire charge**

Round-up

Devon Malcolm took his 10th wicket in Derbyshire's victory at Hove yesterday to put his side firmly in the reckoning for the County Championship, and himself in line for an England Test recall.

Derbyshire beat Sussex by 47 uns as Malcolm finished with match figures of 10 for 215, taking his total tally of wickets this summer to 61 which have spearheaded Derbyshire's challenge title race "We going flat out for the Championship and we've got to be in with a chance," Malcolm said."

World renowned as a batting "rabbit", Malcolm's last-wicket stand of 55 with Adrian Rollins on Saturday proved as vital for twited unto " Derbyshire in the match as his But whather provide their bowling, and despite his muchpublicised falling out during the winter tour with England gueranted the direction of Whether it chief Ray Illingworth, Malcolm feels he is playing the best

cricket of his career. "At the start of the summer I just wanted to put everything behind me and enjoy my game, Malcolm said, "and things are creally working out welt."

Sussex, resuming on 91 for two and chasing a target of 276. had a disastrous start to the day. quickly losing three wickets, including that of Eogland legspinner lan Salisbury, who was linked at the weekend with a move to Surrey, an approach the

south London club has denied. Afterwards, Peter Moores and Keith Newell raised Sussex hopes with a hard-hitting seventh wicket stand of 64 in just 10 overs before hinch, but when Newell was trapped leg before off the first ball of the second session, the Sussex tail was

lt was Shaun Udal, another bowler discarded by England, who took the honours in a dramatic finish at Southampton, where Hampshire beat Gloucestershire by 63 runs. With a day to score 352,

quickly routed.

Gloucester were coasting while Andrew Symonds and promising opener Dominie Hewson in the middle, putting on 102 for the second wicket. But once Symouds, who hit

a six and 16 fours, was stumped for 90 after going down the wicket once too often to Raj Maru, the home side took control, Udal taking 5 for 82, including the final wicket of Jon Lewis with only one more ball of the game to be bowled.

Warwiekshire kept alive their outside chance of retaining the county title by sending Durham to a fourth consecutive defeat at Edgbaston. In another desperate collapse, the bottom county lost their tast eight wickets for only 106 to lose by 282 runs soon after lunch. Stow left-armer Ashley Giles celehrated the award of his county cap with a career-best 6 for 45.

the pair set a Glamorgan record seventh-wicket partnership of 211. Neither would capitulation have gone down too well with the other counties in the Championship race.

Steve James and Hugh Morris took their response to 82 before James was leg before playing back to Simmons. It had taken them 29 overs to do it and at tea, with 66 minutes and 16 overs ahead of them, Glamorgan still needed a further 185 runs with eight wickets intact.

They lost Matthew Maynard for 33 in the third over after the resumption, stumped by Paul Nixon off Matthew Brimson and Cottey, who claimed his maiden double century on Saturday, had managed just 10 when he tried to pull Brimson across the line only to lose his off-stump bail instead.

Morris reached his fourth first-class century of the summer and the 47th of his career off 189 balls with 17 boundaries and when the final 16 overs began Glamorgan, at 228 for 4, needed 107 for victory, an improbable but not impossible task.

It looked increasingly improbable two balls later when Gary Butcher was run out for 15 by a direct throw from Aftab Habib at extra cover. Two overs later Morris was adjudged leg fore to Adrian Pierson for and Leicestershire were right back in the picture.

Gibson and Darren Thomas were in no mood to surrender and took Glamorgan to 70 runs short of their target with 10 overs remaining. There were 55 needed when Thomas was bowled by Greg MacMillan and 48 at the start of the last five overs.

Leicestershire needed only three wickets and that became two when Robert Croft gave Vince Wells a simple catch off Brimson from the first of those final 30 deliveries.

Gibson, who had batted with responsibility, then went to a dreadful shot, playing all round a ball from MacMillan and was bowled for 42. Simmons put eight men around last batsman Neil Kendrick and for the last three balls of the final over Colin Metson had to contend with the maximum 10 close companions. Somehow he survived.



Photograph: Graham Chadwick

#### the second Test match at Headingley yesterday Hampshire handed £7.1m grant

Hampshire are celebrating the award of a £7.1m grant from the National Lottery to part-fund

their move to a new ground.

The county plan to build a £16m, 10,000-seat capacity stadium on land near the M27 at West End, Southampton, with first-class cricket to be staged

from 2001. The award is the first of its kind from lottery funds and has been agreed because the cricket club's plans were based around providing a community stadium on land bought from

the Queen's College, Oxford. Hampshire must raise the rest of the money themselves, with around £3.5m coming from the sale of their current home in Northlands Road and the rest

made up from fund-raising and

donations. Tony Baker, the chief executive, said: "We hope to be able to play on the ground by the year 2000, although it is unlikely we will be able to use it for a first-class match uptil 2001. "We must raise £9m ourand we anticipate raising around £3.5m from the sale of the county ground to help us on our way."

ground for Second XI cricket, a cricket academy for young players, gymnasium, a nine-hole golf course, indoor and outdoor bowls, an all-weather sports pitch and parking for 3,000 cars.
The Hampshire chairman, Brian Ford, said: "The devel-

of tremendous importance for

#### Captain gives batsmen a hint

Mike Atherton, the England captain, conceded that he and his four fellow selectors are still no nearer finding a batanced England side, let alone the missing all-rounder.

Alec Stewart, a maring suc-

cess as a restored opener, made it clear he has no wish to take the wicketkeeping gloves again in order for the side to retain six specialist batsmen.

There is no better keeper in the world than Jack Russell and it would be very unfair if he were left out," Stewart said. "It's very hard to do both jobs at Test level and it is important, to me, to know where i am batting as soon as possible."

Atherton, who himself tried to fill the all-rounder bill with seven overs of leg-breaks - and the wicket of the Pakistan captain, Wasim Akram -- was clearpleased with his six-man batting squad. "They played well as a unit. It's so unfortunate that not one of them can bowl,

The game plan here was to bowl them out and make enough to put them under pressure. We didn't bowl well enough when the conditions were helpful, but I'm pleased with the performance, our best since Centurion Park in South Africa. We've got out of the habit of losing, now we've got to get into the habit of winning."

And The Oval? "We have won matches there with four will be faster and we shall have to revise the game plan, possi-hly bringing in Ian Salisbury or others.

**Derek Hodgson** finds Mike Atherton happy but yearning for balanced team

played well for a year and a half, but I'm only one selector."

No one actually put the question of Graeme Hick, but he remains the one Test class batsman who can bowl at this level.

Wasim, in turn, promised a death or glory charge in the last Test despite his 1-1) lead in the series, "We shall be playing to win, looking for a 2-0 result. We're not interested in a draw.

"The pitch here was difficult in our first innings and then eased off when England batted. I am not bowling well, Mushtaq had little luck and Wagar had problems with his run-up. The ground is not level.

"Aamir Sohail [his vice-captain] will be fit to return at The Oval on what is a level ground and where we are expecting more bounce."

Yorkshire, meanwhile, were cheered by the news of the £7.1m grant to Hampshire, from the National Lotlery. Yorkshire are trying to raise £50m to build a new 25,000-capacity Test ground near the Al or at the junction of the M1 and

Nottinghamshire are now e about winning th near £4m they need to rebuild the Radeliffe Road End at Trent Bridge and MCC will be hoping that its application to re-As to the Stewart/Russell develop the Grandstand at question: "Stewie is in good nick Lord's will receive a more as an opener and Jack has favourable reception.

Essex face a similar but less

#### Flight plan for Bevan

As if the scent of a trophy was his national squad for a tour of not enough incentive for York-Sri Lanka. shire, the fact that they will be The scheme includes facilities sceking revenge over their Ros-for a self-contained nursery es rivals, Lancashire, as well as a place in the final of the NatWest Trophy at Old Trafford today means they will spare no effort or expense.

Yorkshire, desperate not to be without Michael Bevao, are laying on a helicopter at an undisclosed cost to fly the opment of a new ground will be Australian more than 200 miles to Heathrow after the match so he can link up with

dramatic problem to allow Stuart Law to bring his considerable ability to bear on their semi-final against Surrey. Law, however, has a much easier journey to make from The Oval. Both counties must take care

over playing their Australians, who could be back in England by the end of the week if the Sri Lanka tour is cancelled because of security fears. They will not want to risk being left a man short if the matches are forced into a second day by had weather. "We'll wait until we see what the weather is like before deciding whether to play Michael," said Yorkshire's captain, David Byas, who has put 23-year-old Richard Kettleborough on standby for his Nat West debut.

Essex are tikely to call on Jonathan Lewis if Law misses the match. Their captain, Paul Prichard, said: "Stuart's absence would be a big blow but we still have plenty of quality and experience to wip."

THE INDEPENDENT

#### Pearn may be main man for England

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Given the disappointing British results in the recent Olympics, the men and women's junior quadrangle tournament starting grieg that tale to ! here today has particular sig-The a capatul door will nificance as the Allanta postmortems begin and building and Hewestie I when for Sydney gets underway, writes Bill Colwill from Vught, the Netherlands. Both tournaments feature

bent a street he me England, Germany and the Litch. The men's event also includes Pakistan, who play Eng-South by this strike which the land today, while England's women play South Africa.

With the European Championships at the end of the month in Cardiff (women) and Vejle. Denmark (men), the European sides should be reaching their peak. Additional interest wilt centre around the new experimental rules being played - the main one being no off-side.

With six of the women's squad already capped at senior level, they should start with a win against South Africa, but may find it difficult to overcome the Dutch women, who are coached by Tom van't Hek. who has just returned from Atlanta with a bronze medal as the zemor coach.

As for the nien, the performances of Reading's Mark Pearn, who many felt should nave been part of Britain's Olmpic squad at the outsel, and rlainly when Rob Thompson ad to pull out after having arfived in Atlanta, will be watched with great interest.

SPORTING DIGEST Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE: Tesas 6 Toronio O; New York Yankees 12 Detroit O; Chacago White Sor a Battemore 5; Boston 2 Milweukee O; Cal-tornia B Kansis City 5; Oakland 9 Cleveland 3; Minnesola 6 Seattle 3. 3; Minnesota 6 Seattle 3.
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Mark Taylor, Australia's Test captain, has pulled out of his country's top to Sn Lanpuled out of his month to undergo surgery on e to the history of the his

over from Teylor for the limited overs tour-nament unolving hosts Sri Larika, in-dia and Zimbabwe. Australia have yet to formally commit themselves to playing in the tournament after expressing concerns about player safety in Sri Lan-ka, which is still troubled by unrest. RR, LANKA SQUAD (Singer limited owers four-team series, Srl Lantas, from 24 Au-gest to 7 September): A Renaturge (capt). A de Sao, R Maharama, A Gurusrira, H Riek-ergre, S Joyasanya, R Keluwcharano, C Vasc, P Windermassingse, K Dharmosen, M Mu-raintuscan, U Chandena, M Atapottu, R Push-

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a striaul tee.

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EUROPEAN SOLHEIM CUP STANDINGS: 1 M 1 De Loceru (Fr) 985,90pts: 2 L Davies (Eng) 816,00: 3 L Hauteny (Eng) 656,00: 4 A Natrolas (Eng) 599,32; 5 P Johnson (Eng) 586,00: 6 L Familiough (Eng) 584,40; 7 A Sorenstam (Swe) 473,00: 8 J Mortey (Eng) 443,32; 8 P Meu-ner-Lebous (Fr) 392,30; 10 K Orum (Den) 388,00. 388.00.

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Motor racing Italian rookie Alex Zanardi, driving a Rey-nard-Honda, on Sunday won his sec-ond IndyCar victory, leading for the entire 83 faps of the Miller 200 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington.

Rugby League A 13-point plan of action to both stame out any signs of recism within rugby league and to promote the game among the black and ethnic minorities is being launched at the wedend. The is being laurenced at the weerend. The programme has been jointly set up by the Rugby Football League and the Corn-mission for Racial Equality, who are both asking all professional clubs to adhere to it. The laurich will take place at half-time in the Super League match be-tween Bradford Bulks and Heliffax Blue.

Rugby Union

South Africa yesterday dropped James Small from the side to face New Zealand when they begin a three-Test series in Durben on Saturday after re-ports of late-night partying in a night-club before their last International. The caub before their last international, the selections have also included. Henry fromp, the Northern Transvaal hooker who served 8 jail term for essault in 1993 after a black employee died in 8 bearing.

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SOUTH AFRICA TEAM (Three Test series v
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CRICKET SCOREBOARD °C A Waish c Sub b Udai .... R P Devis not out ............ M C J Ball ibw b Udai ....... J Lewis c Neech & Udal .... Extras (67, 164, w1, nb6)... Total (114.5 overs)...... Felt: 1-64, 2-166, 3-202, 4-205, 5-248, 8-253, 7-253, 8-271, 9-277. Umpires: J C Bakierstone and P Witer. Sussex v Derbyshire

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10.30 unless stated NATWEST TROPHY Semi-finals (One day) Old Brafford: Lancashire v Yorkshire. The Oval: Surrey v Esten. MANOR COUNTRES CHAMPIONS day of two) Netherfield; Cumber los (11.0).



# Cruyff is favourite to replace Rioch



**CLIVE WHITE** 

Johan Cruyff could be following in his son's footsteps to England, as the new manager of Arsenal following the shock dismissal of Bruce Rioch yesterday. The great Dutchman. whose son, Jordi, has just joined Maoehester United, has emerged as the favourite to take start of the seasoo just four days

Cruyff, who was replaced this summer as coach at Barcelona by Bobby Robsoo, has been a regular visitor to Arsenal manager yesterday Highbury in recent times and

was understood to have been sounded out by a member of the Arsenal board oo Mooday night. Don Howe, who knows the workings of Arsenal inti-mately, said last night: "If I had to make a wild guess, I would say that Cruyff is the man."

Within minutes of "releasing" Rioch, Ken Friar, the Arseoal managing director, revealed that the club had already identified a successor and that Pecontrol of the Gunners with the ter Hill-Wood, the chairman, would be announcing the new appointment "when he is in a position to do so".

Going Continental may be all the rage, but the name of Cruyff

the former England coach, has been approached by Arsenal before and must inevitably be a front runner, even though he started his new role as director

Arsenal broke the news of Rioch's departure with a short terse statement which read: "The Board have decided that it was in the best long-term interest of the club that Mr Rioch should now leave."

of football at Portsmouth yes-

His demise may have come as a surprise to the public at makers closed the book oo the start of this month and was

til the end of the season. Rioch's turbulent 14-mooth reign was punctuated with run-

ins with the board and David Dein, the cluh's vice-chairman, in particular over the purchase of players. The club had decided to take transfer negotiations out of the hands of their future managers following the involvement of George Graham in the notorious "bungs scandal"

protest about the arrangement and David Platt, the former and refused to sign a contract, large, but the gambling frater-oity caught wind of it last til certain details had been re-Saturday morning when book-solved. He finally signed at the

Scotsman staying in charge un- awaiting Arsenal's countersignature. Terry Neill, a former Arsenal manager, said: "Despite the facade of everything being correct and proper at Arsenal, things have always been done on a nod and a handshake."

Arsenal, who recently an-nounced a financial loss for last season, have been conspicuous by their absence in the transfer market this summer, unlike last year, when the spent st year. £12.25m on two players - the Rioch continued to voice his Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp England captain. Both signings have had their critics, but Bergkamp at least eventually won over the fans and while the

they have come to expect, the club still managed to qualify for believable," Paul Merson said. Europe. However, the absence of any signings combined with some disappointing pre-season results had caused supporters considerable disquiet.

Arseoal turned to Rioch last summer after Porto had vetoed an approach for Robson, who was still under cootract to the Portuguese cluh. Rioch had just steered Bolton Wanderers back into the top division with a brand of football which must have sounded like a hreath of fresh air to Arsenal fans after the stereotyped - but highly successful - years under Graham's less flamboyant style. The players, as always, were

anything to go by because it all starts on Saturday. We didn't hear anything. Four or five days before the start of the season? I don't think it's fair on the fans or the players." It would not be the first time that a Dutehman has been considered for the job as manager

> but was rejected. But the climate has changed and Continentals

at Highbury. Leo Beenhakker, the former Real Madrid coach,

once applied for the position,

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wouldn't have thought that was

# Highbury exit does not surprise bookies

**GREG WOOD** 

For most football fans, Bruce Rioch's departure from Highhury came as a complete surprise, but at the offices of William Hill, it was the announcement the bookmakers had been anticipating for 48

the "sack race"; which of the Premiership managers will no longer be in charge of their club the following May. Their initial price about Rioch losing his job was 7-1, which, given the volatile nature of football man-

agement, implied that he was one of the more secure man-At the start of each football agers in the Premiership. He season, Hills quote odds on had, after all, finally signed a 'Perhaps it's time for

Any bemusement Arsenal fans may have felt over Bruce Ri-Dalglish should come here now och's departure was quickly overshadowed by speculation about his successor at Highbury last night, writes Nick Harris.

"I'm absolutely shocked that they saeked the manager four days before the season started, a season tieket holder said. But I'm more surprised that they didn't do it a mooth ago."

His views were echoed by a lot of the fans gathered outside the ground, "It was on the cards really," Tim Cowperthwaite said. "He's taken them to Europe, which is not a bad thing, hut he hasn't bought anyone and he's done nothing to strengthen the team. Perhaps it is time for someone else to

ticket holder was less unequivocal about Rioch's departure. "It's good that he's gone. He hasn't been huying any players. He's been arguing with Ian Wright and putting him off his

someone else to try' game. It's out of order. Kenny

> But it was not Kenny Dalglish that most people were talking about vesterday as Rioch's successor. It was Johan Cruyff.

One source at the ground said that he had had dinner with the club chairman, David Dein, on Sunday evening, and will be announced as manager on Until there is confirmation

one way or another about the Dutchman, the main topic of conversation will be Rioch's replacement, rather than the way in which the Scot departed. "I wasn't too keen on him in the first place," a local builder

said. "I thought it was much better wheo George Graham was here. We've had rumours about Terry Venables but he's gone to Portsmouth, what I'd really like to see is Tony Adams getting the joh. He knows about loyalty and he'll be good for the cluh."

what has come to be known as cootract only the previous

Throughout last week, though, punters' mooey begged to differ, and a string of bets forced Hills to cut their odds to 3-1. By Saturday morning, the bookmakers started to suspect that the ink was already dry on Rioch's P45, and that perhaps some hackers knew they were betting on a certainty.

We had had a few nibbles at

7-1, including one bet of £100." Graham Sharpe, Hill's spokesman, said yesterday, "so we thought we'd go 3-1 to be on the safe side, hut on Saturday morning, people started wanting £1,000 bets. One request was from a credit punter who has never had a bet higger than £80 with us in his life, and people went into shops in Swiss Cottage and Olympia at identical times asking for £1,000 on Rioch to go. Someone else had £200 at I and another £600 at 7-4."

The four-figure stakes were declined - "people don't ask for bets like that unless they think they know something we don't", Sharpe said - and within the hour, Hills had closed the book altogether, an action which implied the question was oo longer if Rioch was to leave Highhury, but when.

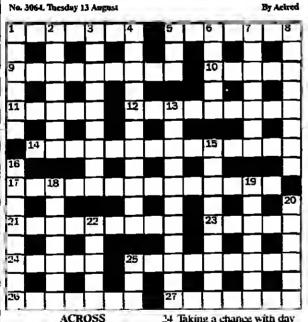
These well-informed backers - and, no doubt; many others who simply felt that the origi-nal 7-1 was too big a price - did not have long to wait for their pay-out. The only consolation for William Hill, left £10,000 poorer by the episode, is that if every requested bet had been accepted, the liability would have been 10 times bigger.

#### SECOND TEST: Rare wicket for Atherton as seamers find their range too late

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#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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- worker (7) 9 Dessiers at one's finger tips? (4-5)
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- donkey (5)
- 11 Try to get lift in ancient Humber (51
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- 24 Taking a chance with day off to get cake decoration
- 25 How to get lure of old cal-culating device? (9)
- 27 See failing to limit cut as unculightenment? (7)
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- cure victory for flier (7) 19 Bid makes one anything but bottom (2-5)20 British comfort, we hear, of
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# England draw some solace

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Headingley Pakistan 448 & 242-7 England 501 Match drawn

The finest weather of this sec-ond Cornhill Test match was saved for the least consequential passage of play, with England's attempt to bowl Pakistan out providing little more in the end that glorified out practice for the players of both sides, once the excitement of early wickets had been stemmed. Had 31 overs not been lost to rain on Suoday evening. Mike Atherton's meo might well have won a remarkable match, though it is oever safe to conjecture where England's batsmen and Pakistan's mercurial bowlers are concerned.

What it has proved is that England's bowlers, out of sorts in Pakistan's first innings, have it in them to put this opposition under pressure, despite using Reader balls that are constantly going out of shape. It also proves that Pakistan's hatting is far more susceptible to collapse when faced with a deficit (as the visitors were in their second innings) than it is on a moist

Victory was only a reality shared by the thousand or so spectators who turned up yesterday. As most of those were supporting Pakistan, England's chances were elearly reckoned to be slim. And yet, had Nasser Hussain held a difficult chance from Ijaz Ahmed at rying to Jack Russell.

Indeed only Inzamam-ul
for his chronic hack condition deed, having experienced hutbat made Athentoo give up bowling. He landed the majorcisioo to insert Pakistan. 142 for 4 (a lead of 89) with 51 overs to go, England might have found the belief and mo-

meetum to win. ljaz, realising that something completely different from his swashbuckling century in the first innings was needed to preserve Pakistan's 1-0 lead in this series, sat patiently on his splice. His let-off was the only hlip in an otherwise sedate three and a half hour innings of 52, which ended when he gloved an attempted bouncer from Andy

Earlier, Shadab Kabir. dropped by Graham Thorpe at slip off his first ball, had found

defiance difficult, and he skied a pull shot off Chris Lewis that the bowler caught in front of the striker's stumps. Saced Anwar. another made fittery by the de-mands of occupation, nibbled at

PAKISTAN - Plast busings 448 (figz Armed 141; Morn Xhan 101, Salim Mails 55, Aud Metabar 51; OG Cork 5-113).

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Pakietas - Second Innings Seed Armer c Russell b Cork 56 min, 45 bels, 3 fours Small Kabir c and b Lewis ....

25 min, 13 bells has Armed a Russell b Caddick.

England won total

mate Wasim Akram - padding away a leg-break - was only his second Test wicket and 50 Tests separate it from his first, taken at The Oval in 1991 when he caught and bowled Dilip

55 min, 48 balls

It was the operation in 1991 **Headingley Scoreboard** 

Total (for 7 dec. 322 min. 81 evers) 242

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9-3-9-0; Atherton 7-1- 20-1 (one spet):

Haq, indulged himself by playing his natural game. The bulky ity of his deliveries, but it is unlikely to be a factor in deciding batsman is a fine player whose who will bowl in the final Test

ponderous footwork sometimes in 10 days' time. gets him into trouble, and al-though England were lucky to All four seamers here have a case for inclusioo, the extra dismiss him here, caught at bounce at the Oval perhaps suitthird man cutting a loog-hop, they must persist with a line ing the length and style of Cad-dick, Mullally and Lewis more wide of off-stump that will force him to move his feet. than Cork, who prefers swing and variable bounce to perform Caddick was the pick of Enghis mischief. Only by playing an land's bowlers with 3 for 52, alextra bowler can any variety be accommodated, which means though the late appearance of Russell will once again come un-Mike Atherton's leg-breaks ran him a close second. The dis-missal of his Lancashire teamder pressure should England look to play a spinner, as well

as the six hatsmeo who played so well as a unit here. However, England need to win and Alec Stewart will no doubt be persuaded to take the gloves given that it is a one-off, particularly after England's gal-lant comeback in this Test. In-

Progress: Fourth day: Bad fight suppost play 5.00pm; Psidstan 0 for 0, 0 overs. Fifth day: 50: 31 min, 18.1 overs. Lanch: 87-2 (laz Ahmed 21, Intamer 4 Hag 30) 28 overs. 200: 127 min, 29.2 overs. 150: 184 min, 41.4 overs. Fee: 189-5 (laz Ahmed 47, Wastin Alzem 0) 56 overs. 200: 261 min, 60.5 overs. Padettim declared at 5.20pm.

Gez Alamediz 50: 220 min, 12 bels, 2 fours huserman of Hards 50: 85 min, 75 bels, 7

Umphres: S A Buckfor and O R Shepherd

TV Replay umpire: R Julian.

Match referee: P L van der Meser

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Third Test: The Oval 122-26 Augusti.

Despite a hint of dampness on the first morning, the pitch was not well grassed eoough to expect to bowl a side out for less than 250 - the normal benchmark for putting a team in. However, it was oot the brave and ultimately correct move hind sight has, perhaps, shown it to be. Atherton more or less had to field first, the choice of four seamers forced upon him not by the oature of the pitch, but by

match.

England's recovery and subsequeot dominance in this game

will have provided succour, in-

stead of the widespread disap-

pointment claimed by those

who felt the poor showing of

England's pace quartet on the

first day had cost them the

the absence of a match-winning spinner in the English game.
True, the bowlers did oot bowl well and the pitch certainly improved, although this was more a transformation from damp and creased shirtfrom ironed flat by intermittent wind. and sun, than a snake pit-

scoured of its serpents. More cricket, page 23

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